



Forty Years Ago

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1947

New Attorney To Hang Out Shingle

Sworn in by Judge W.H.S. Burgwyn in the superior court here yesterday morning, Edgar Jarvis Gurganus is planning to hang out his shingle for the practice of law here early next month.

A son of Mrs. Mary Bonner Gurganus and the late George N. Gurganus, the young man was graduated from the Wake Forest Law School in January, 1943. He successfully encountered the state bar examination the following month and in March of the same year entered the armed forces. Honorably discharged from the service in March of last year, he was employed in the legal department of the Office of Price Administration in Raleigh and is leaving that position to come here and practice with Attorney B.A. Critcher.

Partly working his way through college, the young man made a splendid record in his studies while at Wake Forest.

The young man's entry into the legal profession boasts the number of county attorneys to an even dozen, ten of whom are in Williamston.

First Prison Commision Named

North Carolina's first State Prison Commission was appointed yesterday by Governor Hodges.

The commission, policy-making body for the "divorced" prisons system, will be headed by Linn D. Garibaldi of Matthews, a member of the present Prisons Advisory Council.

Two other members of the seven-member council, Mrs. J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh and Dr. William D. McGehee of Leaksville-Spray, also were named to the new commission.

Other appointees are Dr. M. B. Davis of High Point, a Negro physician, and Mayor W. W. Shope of Weaverville. T. R. Eller of Brevard and Edgar Gurganus of Williamston.

Chairman Garibaldi, Mrs. Broughton, Dr. Davis and Shope were chosen for four-year terms. The other three were appointed to two-year terms.

Garibaldi is a telephone company official, Shope a businessman and Dr. McGehee an industrial psychologist and educational director for Fieldcrest Mills.

Eller is a lawyer who is chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Transylvania County and Gurganus, also a lawyer, is a past president of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Long-awaited separation of the prisons from the Highway Commission was enacted by the 1957 Legislature. However, the estimated \$4,000,000 separation will cost in the coming two years will be borne by the highway fund.

This was decided when supporters of a 19.31 per cent raise for school teachers began eyeing the cost of separation as a likely source of money for giving it to them.

The Governor said he considers the appointments to the Prison

Commission among the most important he will make.

"I congratulate this group of outstanding citizens for accepting the great responsibilities involved in these appointments," Hodges said. "Many changes and improvements are being made in our prison administration and we believe that under the leadership of this new commission that North Carolina can have the type of modern prison rehabilitation and administration which we must have."

The commission will work with Prisons Director William Bailey in administering the affairs of the system.

The past Legislature also enacted law providing "work release" privileges for certain prisoners in the discretion of the courts. This legislation also grew out of the study of the most feasible way to separate the prisons from the Highway Commission.



LT. GOVERNOR SPEAKS AT NC 2000 GATHERING.—Lt. Governor Jimmy Green, shown on the right above as he spoke with County Board Chairman John House last Thursday, was the guest speaker at the NC 2000 Kickoff Meeting for the county. Green urged the group to use the program as a planning tool for the future stating that the planning would be a major step in solving many problems before they occur.

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AHOSKIE'S OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN—Winners of the Ahoskie Jaycee Club's "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" award, along with Jaycee officials and their wives gather to congratulate Charles F. Branum, who received the honor Tuesday night for the year 1954. Left to right: Luther "Brighteyes" Bsake, 1952 winner; J. C. "Chick" Sessoms, 1953 winner; Mrs. Sessoms; Mrs. Branum; Branum; Edgar Gurganus, national Jaycee director of Williamston who presented the award; Miss Ann Beasley of Williamston, who accompanied Gurganus; James L. Price, president of the Ahoskie club; and Mrs. Price. (Staff photo.)

PRESIDENT



Edgar Gurganus, young local attorney and a prominent figure in civic affairs, will take over the duties of President of the Williamston Jaycees following the installation service in the Woman's Club tomorrow evening.

Preliminary Hearing Held In Murder Case



Going into a huddle, defense counsel and defendant discuss Justice R. T. Johnson's findings at a preliminary hearing held in the county courthouse last Wednesday afternoon when John R. Coltrain was denied bond in the case in which he stands charged with the murder of W. Tom Roberson, neighbor farmer, in Griffins Township on January 26. Pictured in the foreground are, left to right, Attorneys Edgar Gurganus and B. A. Critcher; Coltrain, the defendant, and Attorney Albion Dunn. Several of the large crowd attending the hearing can be seen in the background, including J. E. Pope, far right, and Tom Cooke's eye shield top left.



Byways Of the News

By Charles Craven

STATE Sen. Edgar Gurganus of Williamston, perhaps doesn't subscribe to the modern familiarity in which some of today's parents indulge their children in the matter of address. When Gurganus returned home from his law office the other day, his 20-month old son greeted him, "Hi, Edgar!"

The proud but old fashioned father rejoined, "Son, how many times do I have to tell you, if you can't call me Daddy, call me Senator."

OSCAR JONES, who is 75 but spry, is dean of Martin County hunters. And when he had to surrender his shirt tail the other day because of a faux pas he committed on a deer hunt expedition, he couldn't resist a trick bit of defiance. As any Martin County deer hunter knows, if you miss a deer through negligence or clumsiness, your shirt tail is severed and tacked up on the cabin door for all the other hunters to see.

Jones went to sleep in the cab of his pickup truck during a recent hunt. While he

was napping, a big buck leaped over the hood of the truck. Other hunters witnessed the action, gleefully demanded Jones's shirt tail. Soooo, right before the severing ceremony, Jones swiped a silk shirt belonging to the Red Oak Hunting Club's official shirt tail cutter. He donned the silk shirt under his own cotton plaid one and in the haste and merriment of the ceremony, the official shirt tail cutter grabbed both tails. . . .

You should have seen that official shirt tail cutter's face.

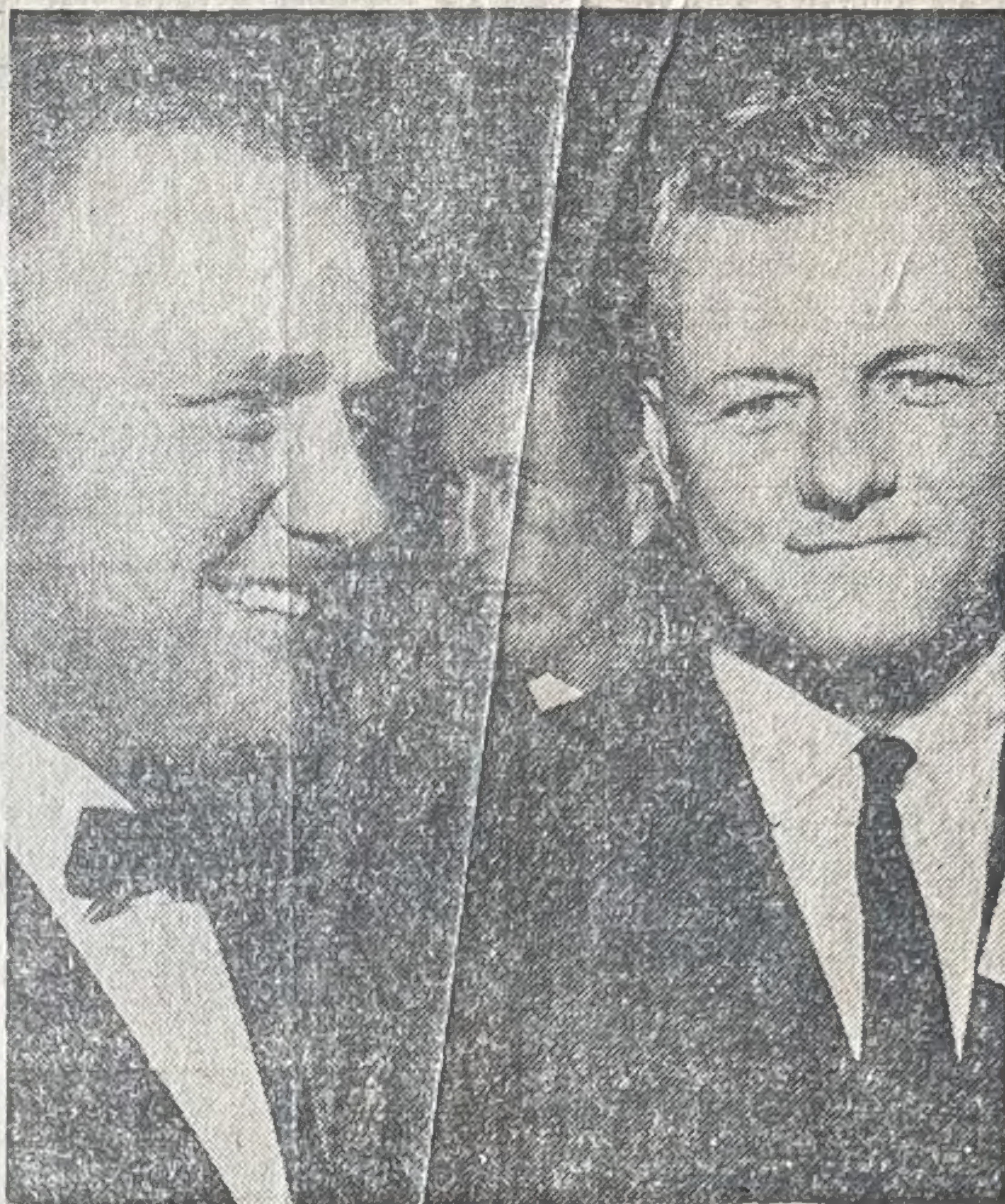
THE MAIL: "Dear Sir: Pity the poor men who are on committees to get rid of poverty.

"Everybody knows that to get rid of poverty you have to get rid of poor people; but if they get rid of the poor people, who would there be to work for the rich people.

"Everybody knows that where there are rich people there have got to be poor people; and if you get rid of the rich people, who would give jobs to the poor people?"

"How can they fix it?"
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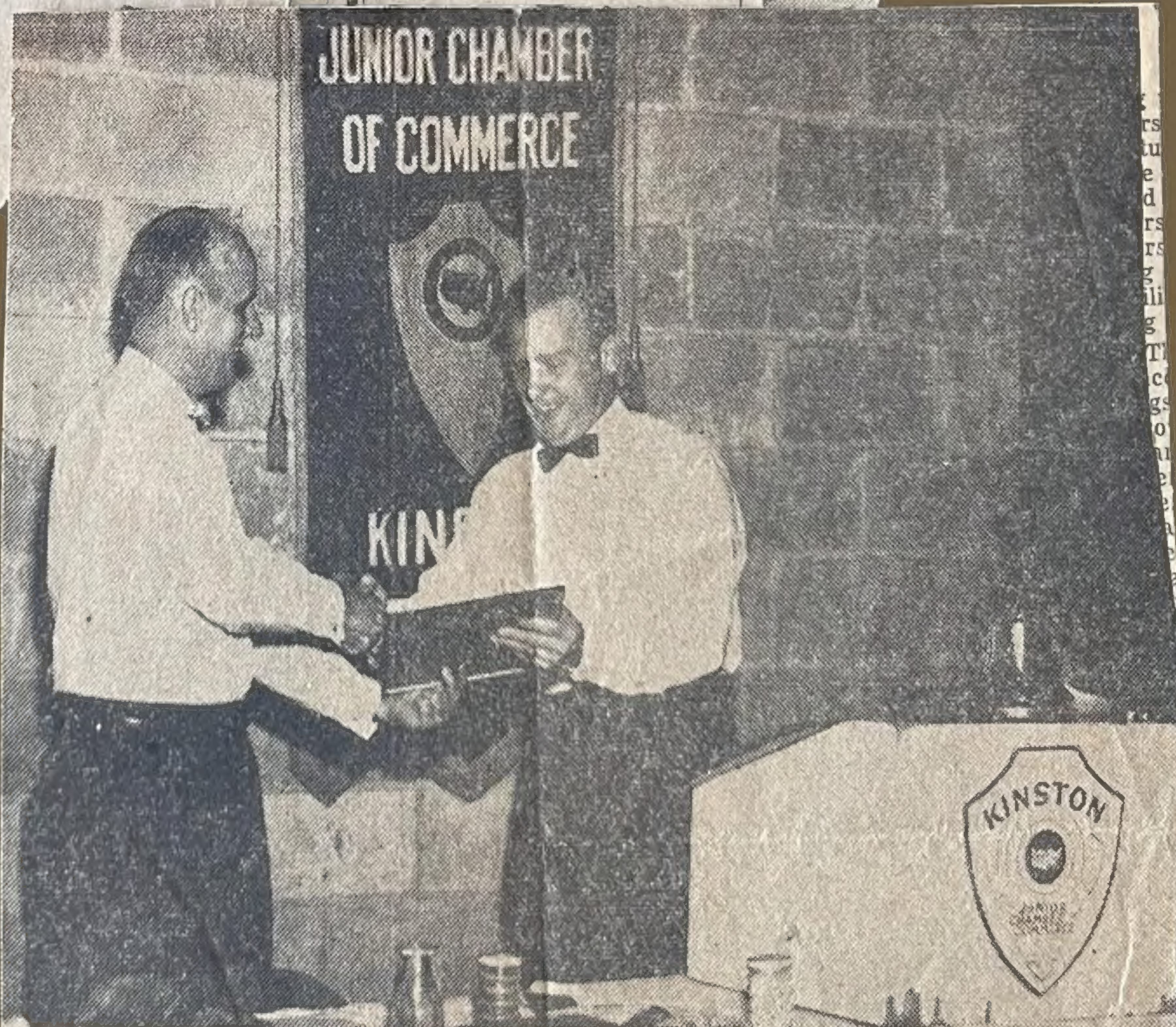
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MISS CHAPEL HILL—Edgar Gurganus of Williamston places the winner's crown on the brunette head of Libby McDowell of Wake Forest, a 21-year-old senior English major at the University of North Carolina and winner of the title of Miss Chapel Hill. She received a \$200 scholarship as winner of the event and will represent Chapel Hill in this summer's Miss North Carolina beauty pageant at Morehead City. (Photo, by Giduz.)



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JAYCEES OPEN STATE MEETING HERE—As the above pictures show, an atmosphere of congeniality prevailed as the two-day quarterly board meeting of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce began today at the Washington Duke Hotel. In the top picture, Elmo Lamm of Spring Hope, left, is being greeted with a handshake by J. B. Brame of Durham, State Jaycee president. Levin Culpepper, president of Elizabeth City Jaycees, is standing between the two, while Mike Harper of Sanford, a national director of the organization, is on the right. Standing, left to right, in the bottom photo are: Gene Ochsenreiter of Asheville, a candidate for president of the State organization, and Emmett Ingram of Elizabeth City. Seated are: Edgar Gurganus of Williamston, left, candidate for vice president from the 10th District; and Brame. Although politicking was much in evidence at the local meeting, new officers won't be elected until the State convention in May.

—Sun Staff Photos.



JAYCEES OF N. C. HONOR HORACE CARTER '44

At a statewide quarterly dinner held in Durham February 22, the N. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce presented a citation to W. Horace Carter '44 (ABJour '49) of Tabor City, N. C. as the outstanding Young Man of 1952 in North Carolina. Carter's fight against the Ku Klux Klan as Editor of the "Tabor City Tribune" has brought him wide recognition and praise. Edgar Gurganus of Williamston is shown presenting the award to Editor Carter (wearing glasses). James B. Brame '39, of Durham, President of the State Jaycees, is at right looking on, while N. C. Lieutenant Governor Luther H. Hodges '19 is at extreme left. (Photo courtesy "Durham Herald.")

Jaycees Of State Open Meet Here

Outstanding Young Man Of Year To Be Honored Tomorrow

The board of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce, which opened its third quarterly board meeting here today, at a banquet session tomorrow will present the Distinguished Service Award to the outstanding Young Man of the Year for North Carolina.

Lt. Gov. Luther Hodges will be the principal speaker at the banquet session which is to begin at 1 p. m., following a 10:15 a. m. devotional service. Hodges will be introduced by State Jaycee president J. B. Brame of Durham.

Another feature of the banquet session will be a brief address on democracy by Miss Mary Jo Ingalls of Rockingham, winner of the State-wide Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Jaycees.

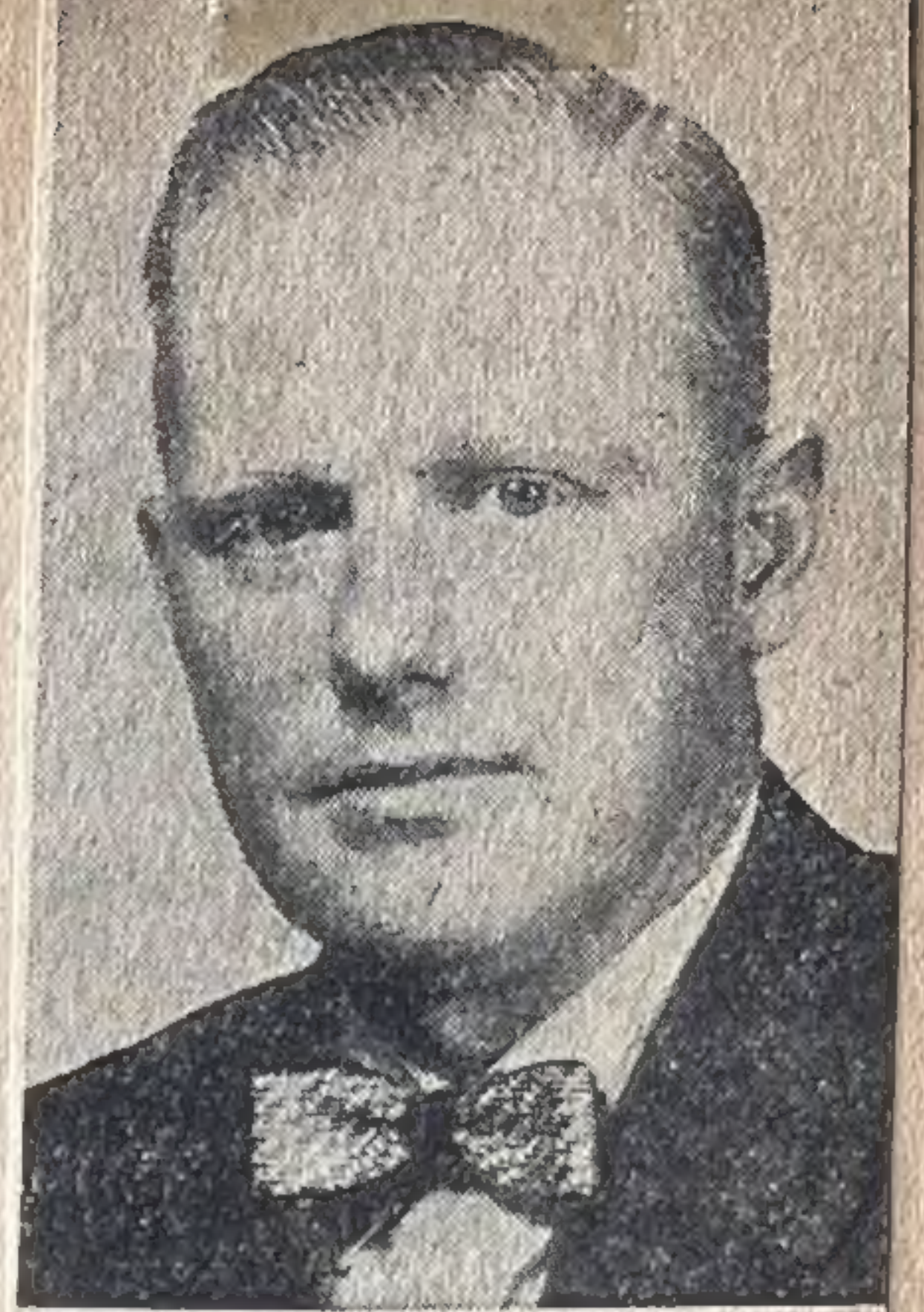
There were additional registrations and a meeting of the executive committee this morning.

A series of forum discussions began business activities this afternoon. These included discussions on parliamentary procedure; the Teenage Rodeos, which are safe driving demonstrations sponsored by the Jaycees; leadership training; and pointers for selling the red reflector tape being sold by Jaycees as another safety device for drivers.

At a general business meeting late this afternoon the group discussed a constitutional amendment which would redistrict the State for the Jaycee organization. Announcements also were to be made concerning the State convention to be held in May and the State Beauty Pageant to be held in Elizabeth City in July.

Today's events will be climaxed tonight by a buffet dinner and dance at the Washington Duke Hotel, headquarters for the meeting.

After registration began last night, Gene Ochsenreiter of Asheville announced that he will be a candidate for president of the State organization to succeed Brame. He is the first person to announce for the office. The election will be during the State convention.



BANQUET SPEAKER —

State Jaycee President "Red" Gurganus will address the attendants at the 1956 Burgaw Jaycee Banquet here Friday evening, May 4th. The public is invited to attend the annual event which is to be held at Burgaw School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Gurganus is a most interesting speaker, with a background of activities in numerous phases of civic and church work. Among the various offices, he has held every office in Williamston Jaycees. In 1954-55 he was National Director U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that, in 1953-54, he was State Vice-President of the Jaycees. In 1952-53, Mr. Gurganus held the office of State Chairman of the Distinguished Service Award, and was District Chairman Extension in 1951-52. Also, in 1951, he was the winner of the Distinguished Service Award. In addition to Jaycee work, he was president of Williamston Rotary Club in 1953. He has also held the position of Martin County Veteran's Service Officer. A 1943 graduate of Law School, Mr. Gurganus is an active member of the Methodist Church.

Hodges Greets Jaycee Meeting

Governor Hodges yesterday sent greetings and best wishes to some 800 Tar Heel Jaycees attending the national Junior Chamber of Commerce convention in Atlanta.

His greetings were extended in a telegram to Edgar Gurganus of Williamston, State Jaycee president, who is heading the North Carolina delegation.

The Governor said he was commissioning Gurganus "an ambassador of good will for the State" and would present him formally with the commission upon his return to North Carolina.

"We are proud of the Jaycees and their fine contributions to community projects across the State," said the Governor in his telegram. "I am always impressed by the enthusiasm, imagination and willingness of Jaycees to tackle any job that needs to be done."

New Jaycee Head To Address Group

TARBORO, May 9—Edgar (Red) Gurganus, who was elected president of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce last weekend, will be the featured speaker at the annual installation banquet of Tarboro Jaycees Tuesday night.

Louis Corning will take over as president of the local group, succeeding "Scrap" Green.

Gurganus, of Williamston, will speak at the American Legion home here during the installation program slated to begin at 7:30 p.m.

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WITHDRAWS



R. Frank Everett, county businessman, today announced he was withdrawing as a candidate for the State Senate from this district, explaining that pressing duties connected with new business ventures made it imperative for him to devote all his time to affairs on the home front. Making the withdrawal announcement, Mr. Everett urged support for his fellow countian, Edgar Gurganus. The withdrawal leaves three in the race, P. D. Midgett of Hyde, Edward L. Owens of Washington County, and Gurganus of Williamston.

SENATOR GURGANUS plans to introduce bill calling for \$100 million school bond issue. Front.

Bill Going To Assembly

By TOM INMAN.

State Sen. Edgar J. Gurganus of Martin County said Friday night he is working on a legislative bill that would call for a \$100 million school bond issue.

"Most of our schools in Eastern North Carolina, and in other parts of the State, are having growing pains. I think we've spent a great deal on quality education and on higher education, and I don't think we should overlook the need for capital improvements," Gurganus said.

Receiving Encouragement.

He said he has talked up the idea among several legislators and has received much encouragement. However, he conceded "One or two people have tried to discourage me."

Gurganus said he arrived at the \$100 million figure through discussions with other legislators and with school officials. He said it was only the first of this week that he learned that the State-wide association of school superintendents had passed a resolution urging a \$200 million bond issue.

"I think \$100 million is the right amount. . . I think it will meet the present needs in most counties—some of those needs are 10 years old—and the future needs in a few counties," he said.

"Many schools have just floated all the bonds they can stand, and their needs are still growing. I want something that will be fair to the small counties and the large counties."

He said he had not worked out details of a formula for spending the money but was thinking of basing his bill on the pupil population increase in each school unit in the last four years.

He also said he was not yet sure of the best way to finance the bonds. "There are some people who are a lot more knowledgeable than I am about some of these questions. I plan to talk to as many of them as I can," he said.

He indicated he probably will introduce his bill late next week.

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ROCKY MOUNT MEN GREET KEFAVUER — George Lewis (left) and Edgar J. Gurganus (right) of Rocky Mount are shown with Senator Estes Kefauver (center) after his arrival at Raleigh-Durham Airport late Thursday afternoon before being escorted to Rocky Mount for a Jaycee Awards Night address. He will speak at Wake Forest this morning and address a Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in Catawba County tonight. (Staff Photo by Ken Cooke).

Jaycees at Tarboro Install President

TARBORO, May 12 — Louis Corning was installed Tuesday as president of the Tarboro Junior Chamber of Commerce by Edgar "RD" Gurganus, new State Jaycee president. The installation was made at a meeting held in the American Legion Home.

Other officers installed were: James Pitt, first vice-president; Ted Williamson, second vice-president; Clarence Hayes, treasurer; John Reed, secretary; Leo McDuffie, State director. New directors taking office last night were Dan Keeter, Billy Wilder, Paul Warren Jr., and Marvin Horton.

MAY 1954 Gurganus Named Jaycee Director

Edgar J. Gurganus, local attorney, and the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce were doubly honored this past weekend at the State Convention of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce in Raleigh, N. C. Climaxing two days and nights of strong campaigning by the local Jaycees, Edgar Gurganus was elected to the office of Director of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce from North Carolina, Saturday afternoon in the Hall of the House of Representatives of the State Capitol. With some 500 Jaycees participating in the election, "Red", as he is better known by the Jaycees in the State, led the voting of all officers elected, being the first Jaycee to hold the high position from a Town as small as Williamston.

The second honor came during the Inaugural Banquet Saturday night in the Memorial Auditorium when Edgar was presented the Cou-Browne Trophy Award as the "Outstanding State Vice-President" of the ten that served during the past year. The presentation was made by Jimmy Wallace, retiring National Director from Morehead City, N. C.

As National Director, Edgar will serve on the National Board at its June meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, its August meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and its next June meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to his duties on the National level he will serve on the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Jaycees during the coming year.—L. Sidney Christian

CANDIDATE



Edgar Gurganus, local attorney, is a candidate for president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce. The local organization is making an active campaign in support of his campaign.



TOURING JAYCEES—Members of the N. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce, during their tour of Fort Bragg Saturday, go through a chow line with Brig. Gen. Paul R. Weyrauch, deputy commander of 18th Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, who accompanied them on the tour. The Jaycees were also accompanied by Maj. Gen. Paul D. Adams, commanding general of Corps and Bragg. Left to right are Miss Ann Beasley of Williamston and her escort, Edgar J. Gurganus of Williamston, state Jaycee president; Gen. Weyrauch; and Harold J. Saifen of Atlanta, Ga., national Jaycee vice president.

Press Castigated by Senator

By BRYAN HAISLIP

RALEIGH (AP) — "Misuse of freedom of the press" was charged Tuesday by Sen. Thomas White of Lenoir, who said he has been marked for destruction by news media.

White took the Senate floor to tell of an incident in which he and his son scuffled with reporter William King of United Press International news service. The incident occurred April 4 on a legislative trip to Wilmington.

At the conclusion of his hour-long address, which he said was prompted by reports of the incident reflecting on the senate, the Senate gave White a rising vote of confidence and approved the insertion of his speech into the body's permanent records.

King, who heard White from the Senate press gallery, had no comment himself.



Sen. White

Gurganus of Martin led King away.

White read to the Senate some of the headlines and news accounts of the incident, and criticized descriptions of the encounter as a fist fight.

Support for White's version of the incident was given by Sen. Cicero Yow of New Hanover.

"I saw the young man, King, about 30 minutes before the episode, and he was abusing young White with vulgar language," Yow declared.

The New Hanover senator quoted King as saying, "I'm going to destroy your father if it is the last thing I do. My boss told me to destroy him."

Both White and Yow said King had been drinking, but was not intoxicated. White said he was thankful he had not been drinking on the evening in question.



King

ASSOCIATION CRITICIZED

Young White listened from the desk for the Senate staff, his regular position when the Senate meets, as his father spoke.

White, who said the fact that UPI retained King showed "his employers and their clients appear to approve and ratify his behavior," called attention to King in the press gallery.

"He has the gall to sit there now," White commented.

The senator also cast, by implication, criticism on the Capital Correspondents Association. He noted that King is an accredited member of the association "which purports to police its members."

White saved his strongest words for the press and news media in general. While men in public life are subject to criticism, he said, "we have granted no license to anyone to libel and slander us."

He blasted as "A cancerous growth on freedom of the press" the efforts of what he called "powerful newspapers of the

state . . . to control the thinking of senators and representatives."

NEW CLIMAX

White's speech, made on a point of personal privilege, marked a new climax in relations between lawmakers and news reporters for this session.

White referred to an incident of a few weeks ago, when a television cameraman reported Senate President T. Clarence Stone used profanity in speaking to him. White said Stone "made his comment spontaneous," and was subjected to "relentless castigation by the holier-than-thou press."

It was Stone's ruling, backed by White, that moved news reporters from the Senate floor to a section of the gallery. Representatives of newspaper, radio and television organizations protested, to no avail.

In the House, Speaker H. Clifton Blue has permitted news reporters to work on the floor as in past sessions.

'ONLY TO REPORT'

However, Wayne Sargent, Southern Division manager for UPI, issued the following statement:

"UPI's sole function is to report. It takes no side in any controversy. No UPI man is ever instructed to get anyone. Such a policy would be impossible because of UPI's clientele. The news report goes to thousands of newspapers, radio and television stations, in 48 languages in 111 countries. These clients reflect varying viewpoints on all subjects large and small. They would not permit bias or prejudice in the UPI news report."

While White made the UPI and King the specific subject for his remarks, he broadened the range of his criticism to take in the press as a whole.

He denounced the "powerful, ruthless, vindictive and irresponsible misuse of freedom of the press," and compared readers depending on fair coverage of public events to hapless Belgians before Hitler's tanks.

"I regret that the people of North Carolina are daily misled by vindictive, irresponsible editors and their employees of the ilk of William King," White declared.

'TARGET OF PRESS'

White told the Senate he will hold to his convictions despite "the powerful UPI and those of its clients who seek to destroy me."

White bitterly asserted he has been the target of the press since the start of the session. "They know the most effective way to hurt me is through my family," News reports and editorials critical of him, he said, come to the attention of his 83-year-old mother, his wife and children, and other members of the family.

The incident involving White, his son, and King took place at the Surf Club in Wilmington, at the close of a day-long visit by the General Assembly.

including young White's wife. The senator said he commended his son for self control, and counseled restraint.

Later, Sen. White said he saw King approach the table where his son's wife was seated. He said he called the reporter onto the nearby porch.

White said he told King, "Son, you can write all you want to about me, but I will not tolerate the use of obscene language in the presence of the women of my family."

White quoted King as retorting: "Why don't you hit me?" White said he replied he had too much sense to strike. Then, the senator went on, King threatened to throw him over the porch rail, and lunged forward and attacked him.

'ALMOST KNOCKED DOWN'

The senator said he was almost knocked down by the force of the attack. His son came to his defense, White said, and Sen. Edgar

It grew out of an article written by King, dealing with employment of young White, the senator's son, as chief of pages on the Senate staff. The senator said King declared he had been instructed to expose nepotism—favoring of relatives in public jobs—among senators.

While various accounts of the affair have appeared in several newspapers of the state, no story concerning it had been carried by news wire services, including the UPI

SON COMMENDED

White said his son, Thomas White Jr., came to him and complained that King had been using "profane, indecent and vulgar language" in the presence of women.



JAYCEE PRESIDENT INSTALLED—Bob Scalf, incoming president of the Washington Junior Chamber of Commerce, receives the president's pin from his wife, Evelyn, as Edgar (Red) Gurganus of Williamston, past State Jaycee president and candidate for the State Senate from the Second Senatorial District, looks on. Gurganus installed the new Jaycee prexy during the annual installation night program. Bottom, left, Ed Rodman, outgoing president, presents the club's "Key Man" award to David Roberson, and at the right Rodman is shown presenting the "Sparkplug Award" to Joe Toler.

Scalf Is New President:

Jaycees Here Install New Officer Slate

Speeder Is Fine

Installation of new officers for the coming year highlighted the annual Installation Night program of the Washington Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Washington Yacht and Country club last night.

Bob Scalf, Federal Probation officer stationed here, succeeds Ed Rodman at the head of the organization. He was installed by Edgar "Red" Gurganus of Williamston, past State Jaycee president and current candidate for the State Senate from the Second Senatorial district.

Other officers installed were Fred Boone, first vice-president; David Roberson, second vice-president; Garland Beddard, State director; Ledrue Buck, secretary; Malcolm Copeland, treasurer; and Robert Sloan, Jack Coss, Rufus Abeyounis, Wesley Boykin and Ed Rodman on the Board of Directors.

Rodman presented the club's "Key Man" award to David Roberson for his outstanding contribution to the club's progress during the past year, and Joe Toler was presented the "Sparkplug Award" for his enterprising efforts in sparking various club activities.

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Charlie Yates, past-president, presented certificates of appreciation on behalf of the club to Ashley B. Futrell, publisher of the Washington Daily News, Thomas Stewart, Mayor of Washington, Bill Moore, manager of WITN-Radio, and Richard Kerr, representing Thomas and Howard Co., for their organization's efforts in backing Jaycee projects and activities during the year.

Bill Renn, former member of the club who aged out last year, presented the "Exhausted Roosters" pins to outgoing members Charlie Yates, W. B. Scott, Cliff Hodges and Sonny Swain, all of whom have "aged out."

The outgoing president, Ed Rodman, presented a report which told of the accomplishments of the club during the past year in the fields of community service which

The Feedbox

By Roy Thompson

OFFICER A. C. Brandon was working traffic on a downtown corner the other afternoon when a car came by pulling a house trailer.

On the back of the trailer was a sign:
"ROOM FOR RENT. MUST BE WILLING TO TRAVEL."

CARL BYOIR and Associates of New York came up with something interesting the other day. It was what the letter described as some "well-scrubbed statistics" compiled by the Collapsible Tube Manufacturers Council.

According to the letter, "Winston-Salem's population, it appears, will brush its collective teeth in 547 miles of toothpaste this year. That means that each of us will use 30 feet of dentifrice in 1955."

And what's more, according to the Collapsible Tube Manufacturers Council, if all the toothpaste produced in this country were squeezed out in a line this year, the line would be nearly 2,000,000 miles long.

This is something for all of us to think about this week.

CHARLES P. Everest Sr., Feedbox correspondent in charge of night shirts, reporting:

He was walking along the street the other night and saw a store that had a night shirt in the window.

He says some teenaged cats took one look and one of them shouted, "Look-a-here! They say that there long pajama top is the newest thing to wear in bed!"

A LOCAL woman went for a ride a few days ago, and the car got out of hand somehow.

It left the sidewalk, crossed a yard, bounced off the side of a house, just missed a tree and then went half-way into a basement through a brick wall.

Gus Shepherd wandered by a short time later, looked at the rear end of the car sticking out of the basement and observed:

"I know parking places are hard to find, but THIS is ridiculous!"

THE JAYCEES were in town last weekend, and I dropped by the hotel to watch some of their politicking for Jaycee offices.

The thing I remember best was going by one candidate's campaign headquarters and listening to his supporters chanting:

Roses are red.
Violets are blue.
Red Garganus,
We're for YOU!

REMEMBER back when you went to the grocery store for groceries?

These days, housewives don't pay any attention to the price of eggs; what they're reading the ads for is to see which store is giving away their favorite make of car.

Canary the Singing Gambler summed it up this way the other night:

"Back in '29, everybody went crazy playing the stockmarket. Now they're playing the super-markets."



Feedbox Contest

WHAT IS THIS crazy mixed-up pooch saying?

Ray Brokaw, the WSJS Television photographer, took the picture but forgot to interview the dog.

Don't YOU sometimes feel as if YOUR head had been put on sideways?

Look at the picture five minutes and then write down what you think the dog's saying.

Do it in 24 words or less and send it in pronto.

The deadline for contest entries is midnight, Saturday, March 5.

ANYONE IS eligible to enter except members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Five-Card Stud Players, their immediate families and their creditors.

All entries become the property of The Feedbox, and no entries will be returned unless accompanied by a five-dollar bill.

The decision of the judges will be booted but final.

The best entry will receive:

A PHOTOGRAPH OF MARILYN MONROE PERSONALLY AUTOGRAPHED by a fellow who's seen a lot of her pictures.

NO NEWS was good news one day last week.

Carolyn (Foots) Varner, the woman policeman, was supposed to quit the force.

Her feet hurt.

Kept getting worse, and the doctor said she needed to give them a long rest.

Foots was all set to resign, and I went down to get a story on her retirement.

But—it's a woman's privilege—she changed her mind.

Bought a new pair of shoes.

MRS. D. C. Hicks, Feedbox correspondent in charge of oldtimers, reported on J. W. Shore the other day.

Mr. Shore is now living in Brownwood, Texas, but he was born in Salem on Jan. 24, 1857.

(Don't take your shoes off; it makes him 98 years old.)

Mr. Shore is so old he can remember things that happened before the Civil War.

In fact, he can even remem-

ber when you could find a parking place downtown.

A Texas reporter went out and interviewed him on his 98th birthday. Asked Mr. Shore how he felt.

"I don't feel a day older than I did yesterday," he replied.

IF YOU aren't acquainted with snakes, this probably won't mean a thing to you. But people who know snakes say it's a very unusual story.

Paul Cook, Dutch Shore, Mont Hardin, Spud Ayer and Sherrill Beauchamp went bird-hunting a while back.

They were hunting over near Todd and didn't get a bird all day.

The temperature was eight above zero, and that's what made it so surprising when they killed a two-foot copperhead.

(Snake experts say that snakes, having more sense than bird-hunters, stay inside when it's that cold outside.)



VISITOR Miss Ann Beasley of Williamston (left) chats with her hostess, Mrs. Philip Van Every (right) at the Myers Park Club, where Mayor and Mrs. Van Every entertained yesterday at a luncheon for wives of the Jaycees of North Carolina here in convention. In the center is Mrs. S. A. Van Every, mother of the Mayor. Part of the entertainment at the luncheon was a fashion show presented by the local office of the Celanese Corporation of America.



POLKA DOTS are the feature of the scarf dress worn by Mrs. Robert Alan Wells in the show for the Jaycettes.



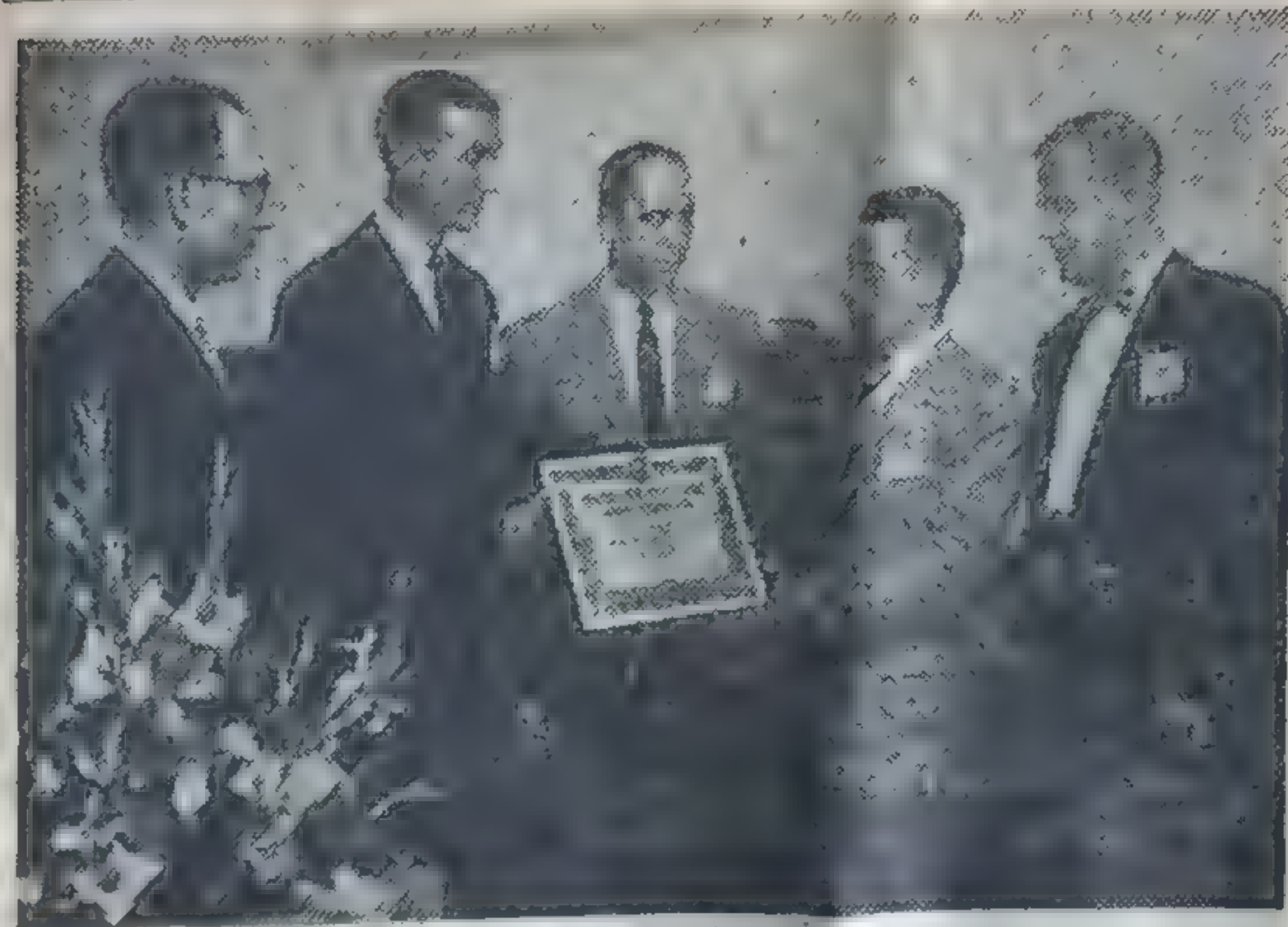
TENNIS GIRL is Mrs. Charles Jacobs, modeling in the Celanese show at Myers Park Club.

New Jaycee Head To Address Group

TARBORO, May 9—Edgar (Red) Gurganus, who was elected president of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce last weekend, will be the featured speaker at the annual installation banquet of Tarboro Jaycees Tuesday night.

Louis Corning will take over as president of the local group, succeeding "Scrap" Green.

Gurganus, of Williamston, will speak at the American Legion home here during the installation program slated to begin at 7:30 p.m.



RECEIVE CHARTER—Jake West Jr., Ninth District Jaycee vice president; W. R. Henderson, state Jaycee president; Dan R. Saieed, international director; Van Dyke, Ayden Jaycee president, who participated in the Ayden Jaycee charter night.

Jaycee Charter Presented

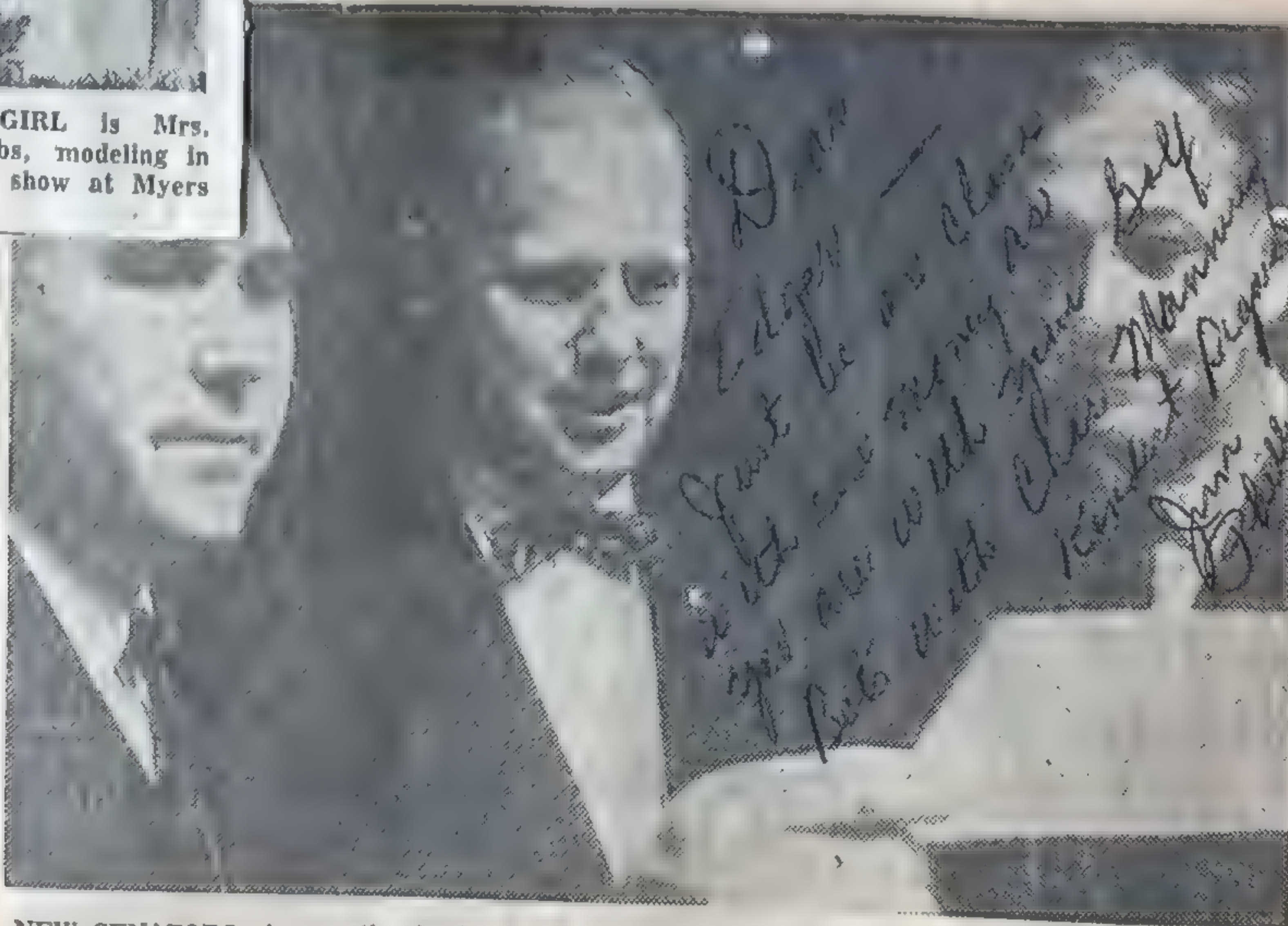
AYDEN, Jan. 13 — The Ayden Junior Chamber of Commerce this week was presented its charter by W. R. Henderson, president, North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting in the American Legion. Jake West Jr., vice-president of the Ninth District, served as toastmaster. Following the welcome address by Mayor Corey Stokes, Dr. G. G. Dixon told of the work of the organization. Dan R. Saieed, International Director, introduced the out-of-town guests.

Edgar J. Gurganus, national director, introduced the local officers, directors and members. Van Dyke Hatch was installed as

president; William (Bill) Jenkins and Clyde W. Cannon as first and second vice presidents; Callie L. Stocks as secretary; R. A. Gaskins as treasurer; Tom V. Wheelless as State director. Directors are Clifton Davenport, James D. Dennis, William McLawhorn and Stephen Sudor for the 37 members.

Toastmaster Jake West Jr. introduced W. R. (Bill) Henderson. In his charter presentation, Henderson stated that there were 6,000 clubs in North Carolina and that any club was just what its members made it.

In his response to the acceptance of the charter, President Hatch promised his support.



NEW SENATORS—Among the freshman Senators in the 1963 General Assembly are these three Easterners. Left to right are Sens. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Bertie, Edgar J. Gurganus of Martin and Lindsay Warren Jr. of Wayne.

Attend Democratic Club Meeting In Washington



Martin County was well represented at the annual banquet held in Washington, D. C. a short time ago by the North Carolina Democratic Club at the Mayflower Hotel.

Left to Right, First Row: Mrs. David Modlin, Mrs. Van G. Taylor, Mrs. Herbert C. Bonner, Mrs. H. H. Cowen, Jr., Mrs. Charles H. Manning, Hon. Herbert C. Bonner, Miss Ann Beasley, Mrs. J. Tom Barnhill, Mrs. Victor Brown.

Left to Right, Second Row: Mrs. George Nicely, Mr. George

Nicely, Mr. Charles H. Manning, Mr. Edgar J. Gurganus, Mr. J. Tom Barnhill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cowen. Mr. H. H. Cowen was not present when the picture was made.

The above attended the North Carolina Democratic Club Banquet and Ball in Washington, D. C., on Saturday night, March 21, at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C.—Photo by Seth Muse.

The Martin County Bar Association

is proud to have one of its members seeking the important office of State Senator from this district composed of several counties. We feel that Edgar Gurganus is thoroughly competent and will bring high honor to the people of Martin County and the district if he is successful. Edgar has practiced law here for fifteen years and is widely known and respected throughout the State. He is Past President of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, a very large and active State-wide organization. He has served with distinction for several years on the North Carolina Prison Commission, and is presently its Vice Chairman.

Three candidates are running for the two offices from this district, and a large turn-out of voters on May 26 will mean much toward his nomination. All Martin County Lawyers are proud to endorse his candidacy, and we strongly urge that all qualified voters in Martin County turn out on May 26 to assure our County of a representative in the State Senate.

VOTE FOR AND SUPPORT

EDGAR GURGANUS

+ Martin County Lawyers +





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By JOE RAFF
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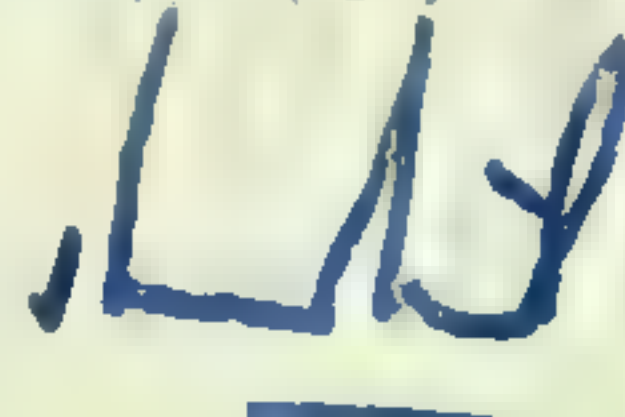
Miss Anne Beasley
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Dear Anne:

I enclose a copy of the picture that was taken
over at the cafeteria when you were here at the
North Carolina Democratic Club Banquet recently. I
thought maybe you might like to have this.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



Herbert C. Bonner

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Enclosure

Industries Drive:

Jaycee Committee Named

HIGH POINT, May 12 (AP)—The North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce Wednesday set up a five member central committee to work with Gov. Hodges in the development of small industries in the state.

Plans for the committee were set at a meeting of Jaycee leaders with Capus Waynick, director of the governor's small industries plan. The committee will be a permanent one.

William R. Henderson of Reidsville, retiring state president, will head the first committee. Other members will be named later. However, the group decided that the committee will be changed each year, with the chairman being the immediate past president in all cases. This policy was set, an announcement said, to assure experienced planning.

Henderson helped present the governor's plan to the Jaycee convention at Asheville last week. The convention adopted the plan as a permanent project.

Henderson and Edgar Gurganus of Williamston, newly elected Jaycee president, also endorsed a proposal of Hodges that a develop-

ment credit corporation to help new industries be set up. A bill to provide an enabling act was introduced in the House yesterday.



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The group hopes to leave early Thursday. A report from the Raleigh-Durham Airport said the plane was ferried to Winston-Salem for repairs and will try to make the flight Thursday. Meanwhile, the Jaycees left the airport for the night.

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Jaycees Hold Meet At Elizabeth City

ELIZABETH CITY, Aug. 21 — The Junior Chamber of Commerce inducted a new member, and heard reports of the district meeting held in Columbia and of various projects from committee chairmen, at their recent meeting at the VFW Post Home.

Ray C. Jones was introduced as a new member and welcomed by Raymond Sheely, chairman of the membership committee.

Levin Culpepper, vice president of the 10th district, reported on the district meeting held Wednesday night at Columbia when North Carolina Jaycee President Edgar Gurganus and national director Jake West were on hand to speak to the more than 100 Jaycees in attendance.

Joe Lamb Jr., chairman of the committee for soliciting advertising for the programs of the International Cup Regatta, gave a progress report and urged the members to do their best in selling ads as most of the money needed for the regatta will be derived from the ads. He pointed out that the regatta would mean much to the town and to Eastern North Carolina.

It was announced that Hazel Walker, all-American basketball player and manager-owner of the Arkansas Travelers, will play the Junior Chamber of Commerce here during the winter months, the date to be given soon.

Miss Beasley, Mr. Gurganus Wed

Covering Carolina

By Ida Kay Jordan

Thursday, January 14, 1960

Gurganus-Beasley Wedding Invitation Is Issued Here

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No invitations are being mailed in Martin County.

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the Colerain Community Building.

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## Bride Of January 23rd



Mrs. Edgar Jarvis Gurganus  
Is The Former Miss  
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# Ahsoskie Woman Prepares for France; First R-C Rotary Scholar



**ROTARY WINNER**—Ahsoskie's first recipient of a Rotary International fellowship, Dee Hughes is charting her course for a year's study in France. She has almost worn out one map of that country, planning her trip to the University of Montpellier. The daughter of Mrs. C. W. Hughes and the late Mr. Hughes, Dee leaves August 1, bound for Paris and the Brussels World Fair before settling down to her studies in French. (Staff photo.)



**THE SHEATH LOOK**—Dee Hughes says since the sheath started in France, she'll wear hers back there. Checking a middy design against other dresses she plans to carry, Dee insists "just two suitcases" will hold her three-month wardrobe. (Staff photo.)

## Dee Hughes Will Leave August 1

By MARY ELLEN ALBARES

Ahsoskie.—What do you do with a trunk of winter clothes in the summer, in Paris? That's the biggest question facing Dee Hughes, who sets sail for France on August 1, bound for a year's study at the University of Montpellier in southern France.

Ahsoskie's first winner of a Rotary International fellowship has just settled down to the business of getting excited about her European study. "I was too busy teaching senior French and English in Forsyth County this year to think about the details of going to France," says Dee, "but now the first of August seems too close for comfort."

Garnette DeFord Hughes is used to being in a whirl, however. At Wake Forest College, where she was graduated in 1957, she led a busy extracurricular life as chief majorette for the college band and "Magnolia Queen."

She didn't have to bank on beauty alone to gain her a listing in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges," for she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic achievement fraternity. She also served as vice president of Tassel, WF's woman's honorary fraternity, and of Sigma Pi Alpha, modern language society.

Dee was also chairman of the campus social standards committee, "planning parties and seeing that the girls dressed up like ladies," she adds.

### 'Out of Book'

Members of the Ahsoskie Rotary Club have been coaching Dee in what to say to French Rotarians—but it will be up to her to say it in correct French. "Right now, my French conversation is strictly 'out of a book,'" Dee laughs, "but I've been practicing conversation with one of the French professors from Wake Forest all spring."

August in France will seem like "old home week" for Dee, for she will dock at Le Havre, disembarking from the Ile de France and head for Paris and a reunion with Wake Forest friends and professors. From Paris, the group will visit the World's Fair at Brussels, the back to Paris for a week of sight-seeing and talk.

The International Student Center, sponsored at Uppsala, Sweden, by Rotary clubs of southern Sweden, also looks inviting to Dee, and she has applied for a scholarship there during two weeks in September.

In the middle of all this fun, when will she go to school? It seems the University of Montpellier does not open its fall session until November, so Dee will have plenty of time to see western Europe before she settles down to graduate studies in French.

"Actually, I'm worried about having a whole month to spare," Dee admits, "but I'm hoping to be able to take a special course of three or four weeks in nothing but conversational French before the University opens."

### What About Clothes

But back to the question of what to do with winter clothes. Dee's trying to scout up some friends who have been to France to ask them the best way to get a big trunk to New York and where to store it in France while she junks around "just looking." She's making sensible preparations for her sight-seeing tours, taking nothing but "wash 'n' wear" dresses, a pair of walking shoes, and only one crushable hat.

"I'm packing two suitcases with everything I intend to wear from August through October," explains Dee, "although I expect I'll get mighty tired of looking at the same clothes after two months!"

She guarantees that she has learned the neat trick of folding a wide, crinoline petticoat into a stocking. That, with a cocktail dress, will be her "dressy" attire.

Dee says that her consuming ambition to go to France started right at Ahsoskie High School, where Mrs. R. P. Martin inspired her with a love for the language and the country. She carried this interest through to Wake Forest, where she had a double major in French and English.

"I thought my French was

pretty good, until it took me a whole Thanksgiving holiday from college to fill in the Rotary application which had to be done in French," she laughs. The University of Montpellier was Dee's first choice out of five French schools, because it is one of the smaller state-supported universities and has a special school for foreign student.

The entire Hughes family will be busy giving advice in the next two months before Dee leaves. Sister Tommye Ann, 19, who is studying merchandising at Woman's College, is "fashion consultant" for Dee. Mrs. C. W. Hughes is busy keeping six-year-old brother, Charles, out of the girls' way. And Dee is engaged in getting necessary smallpox, typhoid, polio, and tetanus shots, plus arranging for a passport.

What fashions will Dee take to France? The sheath and chemise, of course. "It started there, and I think the style is grand," Dee says. She plans to buy no French clothes (well, not many!) and use her \$2,500 fellowship for tuition. She will also receive \$200 for travel within a 300-mile radius of the University, and hopes to visit Rome and Spain.

"I didn't know that once I had gotten the Rotary fellowship, I was on my own," Dee explains, "but I've tackled the transportation and passport business with fairly good success. I just hope I can make them understand me in France."

Offhand, we'd say that good looks, a friendly smile, and native intelligence will make Dee understood, in any language.



**BOUND FOR FRANCE**—Dee Hughes tries on a beret to see if it gives her the "natural look" for a vacation in Paris. The crushable hat is her one concession to fashion experts who demand that a well-dressed traveler wear a hat. (Staff photo.)



**CHIEF MAJORETTE**—As leading high-stepper of the Wake Forest College majorettes, Dee Hughes teaches some of the fine points to the 1958 Ahsoskie High School majorettes: (front, left to right) Anna Gilling, Jo Ann Spivey, Gay Harrell, (rear) Joyce Chitty, Faye Lee, Betty Lou Brett (now Mrs. Paul Harrell), Tommye Ann Hughes, Shirley Woodley. (Staff photo.)



**MAGNOLIA QUEEN**—Miss Garnette DeFord Hughes reigned over the 1957 Wake Forest College Magnolia Festival.



DEE WAS ON HER TOES AS MAJORETTE



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that will result in very little new tax take.

Under the old law, medicines blended or compounded by a druggist were exempt. The Legislature lifted the exemption after being told this now is practically a non-existent practice among druggists.

**HODGES** — Despite denials by his close associates, the Washington rumor mill is continuing to predict that Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges is on his way out of the Kennedy Cabinet.

A weekly publication of the Cowles Magazine and Broadcasting Company last week said that Hodges "may be the first to go."

Said the publication: "He has been too comfortable on his new Frontier wagon. What Hodges doesn't know is that Kennedy is unhappy with his work and is seeking a way to ease him out. Both sides are trying to avoid damage to the party."

**SECOND**—The list of candidates for two Second District State Senate seats is growing by leaps and bounds.

Williamston attorney Edgar Gurganus, a member of the State Prison Commission, is the latest man to decide to run for one of the posts.

Former Martin County Rep Frank Everett already has announced he plans to run for the Senate. Down in Hyde County, Sen. P. D. Midgett is ready to make a bid for reelection to the seat he held in the last Legislature, and former Sen. Ed Owen of Washington County is thought to be cranking up to jump in the race also.

What has stirred all the action is the fact that former Congressman and State Senator Linda Warren announced last year that he intended to make the Legislature his last.

## Winners In Race For State Senate

Edgar J. Gurganus, Williamston attorney, and P. D. Midgett, Jr., manager of the Pamlico Power and Light Company, of Engelhard, walked away with the nominations on the Democratic ticket last Saturday for the two State Senate seats allotted this, the second district. Edward L. Owens, Plymouth attorney, carried two of the seven counties in the district and was third, trailing Gurganus by slightly more than 2,600 votes.

The vote follows, by counties:

|            | Gurga's Owens Midgett |       |        |
|------------|-----------------------|-------|--------|
| Beaufort   | 2,535                 | 1,748 | 3,588  |
| Hyde       | 556                   | 454   | 1,218  |
| Martin     | 2,773                 | 733   | 1,125  |
| Washington | 1,145                 | 1,507 | 1,231  |
| Tyrrell    | 350                   | 462   | 690    |
| Dare       | 828                   | 608   | 1,906  |
| Pamlico    | 543                   | 1,170 |        |
| Totals     | 8,691                 | 6,055 | 10,928 |

## New Policy On Prisoner Jobs Urged

By DAVID COOPER.

The 1963 Legislature will be asked by the State Prison Commission to liberalize North Carolina's work release program so that all prison inmates will be eligible to take part in it.

The Prison Commission voted Tuesday to request the action of the Legislature.

State Prisons Director George Randall said that about 450 inmates are now in the program, under which selected prisoners are permitted to hold jobs outside of prison during daytime hours and return to their cells at night.

Under present law, only inmates serving terms of five years or less are eligible for work release.

The proposed change would permit any inmate serving a prison term to be considered for work release regardless of the length of the term.

**Randall Gives Reasons.**

Randall said one aspect of work release has been its use by the State Board of Paroles as a form of rehabilitation for inmates who are about to be paroled.

"This type of pre-parole activity is needed most for long-term inmates," he said. "We need this expansion of the program to provide better rehabilitation for our long-term inmates and to give long-termers about to be released a gradual exposure to the free community."

One member of the commission, Sen-elect Edgar Gurganus of Martin County, asked if the change would permit inmates serving a mandatory life sentence to be placed on work release.

Lee Bounds of the Institute of Government staff noted that the Board of Paroles would still have to pass on individual work release cases and that the paroles board can now issue a parole to a life termner who has served 10 years of his sentence.

Randall said that almost 3,000 inmates have taken part in work release since the program was launched by the 1957 Legislature. Inmates in the program pay for their keep in prison from the funds they earn on their jobs. Prison officials have said the program also saves taxpayers' money by cutting down welfare costs since working inmates are able to help pay for their families' upkeep.

**Other Proposals.**

In other legislative recommendation, the commission will ask that present law be amended to ensure that work release inmates have some money in their trust funds when they are released from prison.

Under the present law, there is no provision that money be set aside for the inmates. Randall said that the law now requires

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and cases been depleted by funds being sent to the inmate's family leaving the prisoner with no money when he is released.

Gurganus commented, "I think it goes back to something Gov. Hodges said one day that he didn't want to see any prisoner released from prison broke." The proposed change would order the department to keep "a reasonable amount" of money in each work release inmate's trust fund for release.

Randall also told the commission that he knows of several proposed pieces of legislation designed to help social welfare organizations that would be expected to check the problem of inmates who are alcoholics.

The approach being drafted, he said, would approach the problem of inmates who are alcoholics by having them treated in a hospital and then being placed in a halfway house or a similar institution to help them adjust to life outside of prison.

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Son of Mrs. Mary Bonner Gurganus and the late George N. Gurganus, the Williamston candidate was born in Williamston forty years ago. He was graduated from Wake Forest Law School, served three years in the army during World War II. Admitted to the State Bar fifteen years ago, Gurganus has practiced law in Williamston since that time with the exception of 1946-47, when he was with the U. S. Office of Price Administration.

He has been active in Jaycee circles, serving as president of the State organization in 1955-56, when his duties carried him into each of the 100 counties. He was appointed by Governor Luther Hodges in 1957 to the N. C. Prison Commission, and now serve it as vice chairman. Active in religious work, he has served for two years as Lay Leader of the Rocky Mount District of the N. C. Conference of Methodist Churches. He was one of the State's presidential electors in 1960. He was named Williamston's Man of the Year in 1951, and has served as president of the Williamston Rotary Club, Williamston Jaycees and Governor of Williamston Lodge, No. 1791, of the Loyal Order of Moose.



**ENTERS RACE** — Edgar J. Gurganus, Williamston attorney, today announced his candidacy for the North Carolina Senate, subject to the Democratic Primary next May. Gurganus seeks one of the two Second Senatorial District seats.

**LEGISLATORS** — Two members of the Prison Commission who had been expected to vacate their posts in the near future won't be stepping down after all.

The two are commissioners Jack Moody of Siler City and Edgar Gurganus of Williamston. Both will serve in the 1963 Legislature; Moody in the House and Gurganus in the Senate.

Even Moody and Gurganus had thought earlier that they would have to leave the Prison Commission to assume their legislative duties.

But Prison Director Randall said Tuesday a check with the Attorney General's office on State law and the Constitution showed the two members didn't have to step down after all.

The Attorney General's office noted, he said, that the State law setting up the Prison Commission names the members as "commissioners for special purposes."

And the selection of the State Constitution which outlaws double office-holding except persons who are named as "commissioners for special purposes."



# VOTE FOR and SUPPORT EDGAR GURGANUS For STATE SENATE

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## The Martin County Bar Association

is proud to have one of its members seeking the important office of State Senator from this district composed of several counties. We feel that Edgar Gurganus is thoroughly competent and will bring high honor to the people of Martin County and the district if he is successful. Edgar has practiced law here for fifteen years and is widely known and respected throughout the State. He is Past President of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, a very large and active State-wide organization. He has served with distinction for several years on the North Carolina Prison Commission, and is presently its Vice Chairman.

Three candidates are running for the two offices from this district, and a large turn-out of voters on May 26 will mean much toward his nomination. All Martin County Lawyers are proud to endorse his candidacy, and we strongly urge that all qualified voters in Martin County turn out on May 26 to assure our County of a representative in the State Senate.

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## EDGAR GURGANUS

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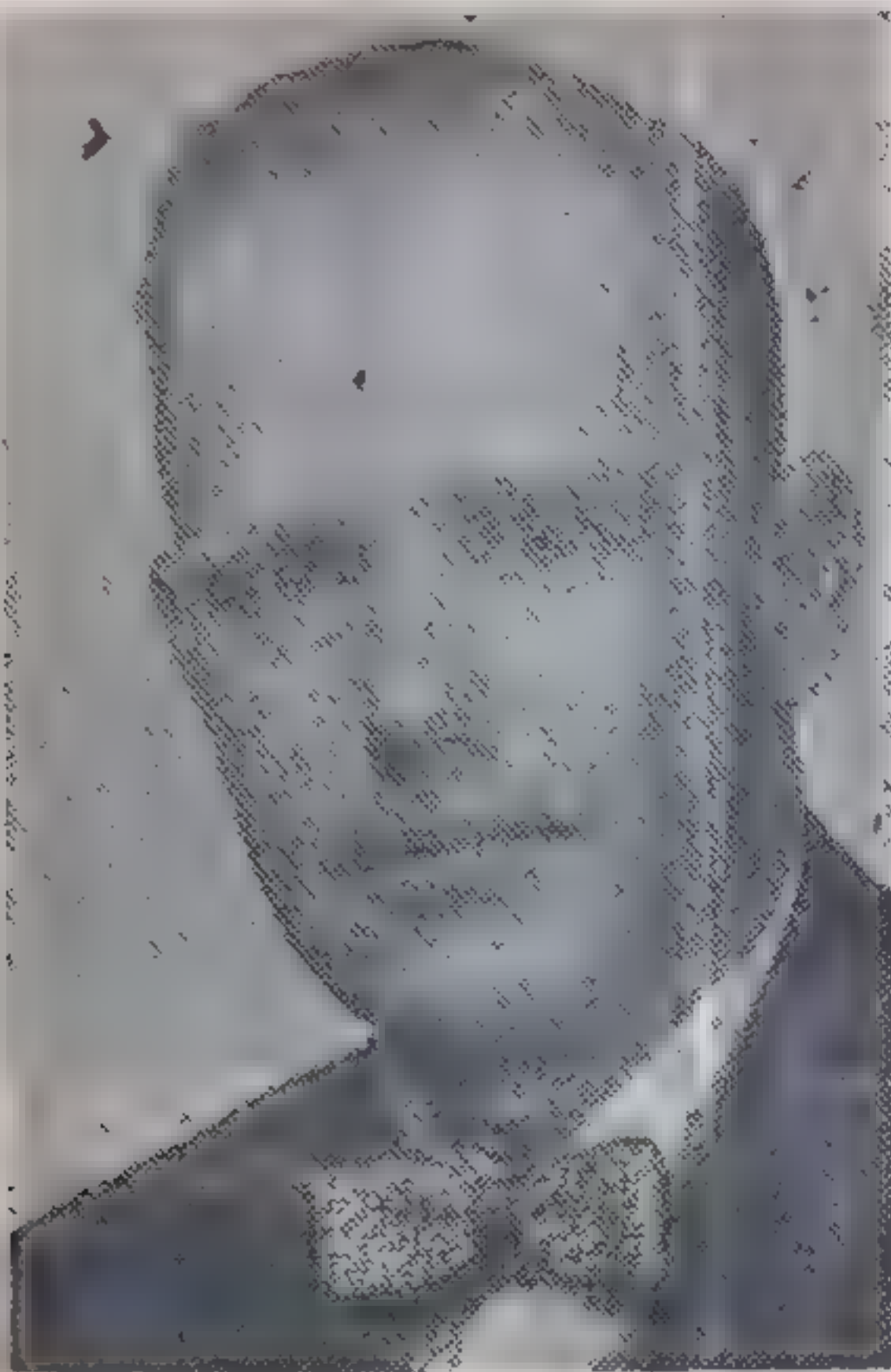
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2nd North Carolina Senatorial District

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- Graduate of Wake Forest College School of Law, 1943
- Army, 1943-46 — Veterans' Service Officer 8 Years
- Lawyer, Williamston, 1947 to Present
- Williamston's Man of the Year, 1951
- State President, Jr. Chamber of Commerce, 1955-56
- Vice Chairman, N. C. Prison Commission
- N. C. Presidential Elector
- Associate District Lay Leader of Methodist Church
- Past President Williamston Rotary Club, Jaycees, and  
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## SAMPLE BALLOT

### Official Democratic Primary Ballot For State and County Offices

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
2. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

#### FOR MEMBER STATE SENATE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote For Two)

- ☐ EDGAR J. GURGANUS  
☐ EDWARD L. OWENS  
☐ P. D. MIDGETTE, Jr.

#### FOR CLERK SUPERIOR COURT (Vote for One)

- ☐ ADA M. TAYLOR  
☐ WILLIAM M. BUTLER

#### FOR SHERIFF (Vote for One)

- ☐ JACK HARRIS  
☐ E. M. TETTERTON  
☐ CHARLIE E. HALL  
☐ OTTIS DAVIS  
☐ JULIAN S. CUTLER  
☐ O. B. RAWLS, Jr.

#### FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4 (Vote for One)

- ☐ CECIL LILLEY  
☐ WOODSON THOMAS RALSTON  
☐ C. H. WALLACE  
☐ ROBERT E. FROWEIN

#### For BOARD of EDUCATION BATH TOWNSHIP (Vote for One)

- ☐ E. L. SLACK  
☐ G. D. ELLIOTT, Jr.

Democratic Primary Election May 26, 1962

*Edward N. Rochman*  
Chairman Beaufort County Board of Elections



## Senator Gurganus Gives His Views On Legislation

Leaving Next Week for the Opening of the General Assembly in Raleigh  
By CHARLES BOND

Edgar J. Gurganus traveled North Carolina's 100 counties and learned a lot about his state as president of the North Carolina Jaycees in 1955 and 1956.

That awakened his interest in the state and in good government.

Edgar J. Gurganus will go to Raleigh next Tuesday as one of two senators for the seven-county 2nd senatorial district.

Senatorial redistricting is to be at the forefront again because of the U. S. Supreme Court decision in 1961, directing federal courts to force state legislative bodies to make themselves representative of the population.

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Some of these bugs have come to his attention as a practicing attorney.

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The freshman senator is not looking for a fight on the sales tax. "I am sure that the Democrats in hotly contested areas will try to make an issue and that the Republican contingent will. The sales tax, however, has been widely accepted by the people of North Carolina and is one of the most equitable taxes. I see no need for additional taxes. If it should ever come to the place we could reduce taxes, I would rather see the reduction come from the income rather than the sales tax."

In the legislature, he said, it is likely everyone will be for higher

education and extending more opportunities. On the study commission recommendation for 14 community colleges, there are two considerations as he sees it. Will the community colleges be terminal or will they prepare students to enter at the junior year of higher institutions? Will their cost be prohibitive?

He admitted the answers may already be in some of the voluminous reports and briefings he has not yet had the opportunity to study. "I have been working 16 to 18 hours a day trying to get my law practice caught up so I can go to Raleigh."

On the court reform voted in a constitutional amendment, Gurganus said "I should hope that a start will be made. It will take eight hard years to work out all the details and the sooner we get started, the easier it will be." The constitutional amendment gives until 1971 for the amendment to be fully implemented.

"I'm for reinstating the Dixie Classic basketball tournament. I've been to a lot of them. It was a great drawing card for the state and a fine athletic event. I regret that a few unfortunate instances forced its closing."

The fact that Governor Sanford will be in his last two years as governor will not lessen his leadership, Gurganus feels. "He will have as strong leadership as ever if not stronger," Gurganus said.

Gurganus was 42 January 15. He got his LLB from Wake Forest one January, passed the bar the next month and went into the Army in March. He rose to staff sergeant before returning home to begin law practice in April, 1947.

He is married to the former Miss Anne Beasley of Colerain and they have a son, Edgar J. Gurganus, Jr.

He was appointed in 1957 by Governor Hodges to the North Carolina Prison Commission, reappointed by Gov. Sanford, and the attorney general has ruled he won't have to give up the seat because of being in the senate.

He is a past president of the Williamston Rotary and a past governor of the Moose lodge. He held every office in the Williamston Jaycees on his way up through every office in the state organization. He is a member of the Methodist Church and an associate lay reader for the Rocky Mount District.

The bitterness of poor quality lingers long after the sweetness of the price is forgotten.

# Lions Fete Ladies And Honor Leaders

Senator Edgar Gurganus Makes Principal Speech At Annual Banquet Here

Washington Lions last night fete their ladies at a banquet at the Washington Yacht and Country club in one of the club's highlights of the year.

At the same time they paid tribute to a local member unopposed for District Lions governor and to the city's Rotary district governor-nominee.

Lions brass from throughout the district, including District Governor Ed Knott, was on hand for the affair which featured a speech by Senator Edgar Gurganus of Williamston.

Speaking on "What's The Quality Of The Service We Render?", Mr. Gurganus said there are unlimited opportunities for service if we are but willing to extend a helping hand.

The speaker said the more one does the more he is asked to do and the more one does the more they will be remembered by those who follow.

"The true measure of the individual is measured by the service he renders," the senator concluded.

Mr. Gurganus was presented by Bill Dunn, International Lions counselor.

Earlier, special recognition was given to LeRoy Woodcock of the local club who is unopposed for the office of district governor at the upcoming state Lions convention in Asheville.

Sharing honors with Mr. Woodcock was Beverly Moss of the Washington Rotary club who is Rotary district governor-nominee.

The Lions took this special occasion to pay tribute to these two outstanding club leaders who bring the distinction of two top leadership positions to this city in 1963-64.

Guests included top Lions in the district. Presented by Mr. Dunn,

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they included: Ed Knott, district governor, and Mrs. Knott; Little John Faulkner and Mrs. Faulkner; Marvin Evans and Mrs. Evans; Bob Hollar and Mrs. Hollar; and H. C. Oliver and Mrs. Oliver.

Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee Boyd, guests of Paul Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sutton, guests of Bob Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Toler, guests of Wilbur Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thompson, guests of Harold Lane, Edward Walker, guests of A. N. Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cochran, Jr.

Julian Vann, president of the local club, welcomed the group and Mrs. Bernard Kornegay gave the response. E. A. West gave the invocation.

Ashley Leggett led the singing and Zoph Potts provided dinner music on the Baldwin organ.

A dance followed the dinner and program.

## Judges Are Named For Jaycee Event

Two Former Title Holders And Past JC State Prexy On Hand

Final preparations were being made by the Jaycees today for the big downtown Pageant Parade at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, and the "Miss Beaufort County" pageant Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at Washington High school auditorium.

Vieing for the title of "Miss Beaufort County" will be seven young lovelies from the county. They were Sylvia Smith, Gwen Harrell, Johnnie Elmore, Jean Vick, Carolyn Miller, Patricia Wilkinson, and Phyllis Sue Brinn.

Judges for the occasion will be Mrs. Ben Harper of Snow Hill, former "Mrs. North Carolina"; Mrs. R. E. Butner, Jr., of Morehead City, a former "Miss Kingston"; and Edgar J. Gurganus of Williamston, Democratic nominee for the State Senate from the Second Senatorial district and former State Jaycee president.

Also on hand will be Susan Kay Woodall of Roanoke Rapids, reigning "Miss North Carolina"; and special guest of honor will be Mrs. Edna Taylor Lewis of Hampton, Va., former Washington beauty who was "Miss North Carolina" in 1933.

Mrs. Lewis has not appeared in an official capacity at any pageant here in Washington during the past 20 years, but does visit relatives quite often. An earlier story had stated that Mrs. Lewis had not been here for the past 20 years which was in error.

Various Jaycee committees have been hard at work arranging final details for conducting the pageant, annually one of the most colorful affairs to be held in the county.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for the pageant, and a large crowd is expected to be on hand to see Phyllis Cutler, last year's queen, crown the new "Miss Beaufort County" during the finals of the pageant.





Legislators talk politics and eat dig into an Eastern Carolina dinner at Lewiston.



"Shimmy" Harrell and Monk Harrington.



The hosts Emmett Burden, Monk Harrington and Roberts Jernigan.

## Legislators Chow Down In Bertie

By DAVID COOPER.

LEWISTON — Wilson "Shimmy" Harrell of Kelford and Bertie County Sen.-elect J. J. "Monk" Harrington stood beside a steer-sized barbecue grill.

They looked at the chickens "Shimmy" was prodding and turning on the grill with a long-handled fork.

"Shimmy" is that the North Carolina style or the Georgia style?" asked Harrington, his mouth watering a bit.

"Carolina style," said Harrell, running a hand across his white apron. "I'm just fixing to put on the Georgia style."

The scene was last Wednesday at Harrington's hunting lodge in the woods outside of Lewiston. Inside, a hundred hungry legislators and other guests were getting up a good appetite for the feed, which was given by Harrington. Bertie County Rep.-elect Emmett Burden and Hertford County Rep. Roberts Jernigan Jr.

Harrington and Harrell explained that North Carolina style barbecued chicken is cooked first and then steamed in barbecue sauce. Georgia style chicken is swabbed with fast-tasting sauce as it is cooked over hot charcoal.

The guests came from all parts of the State with most from Eastern North Carolina. Several State officials showed up, as well as local friends and officials from towns and counties around Lewiston. Legislative lobbyists Hathaway Cross and W. Herbert Forbes came to make the atmosphere a 100 per cent authentic legislative affair.

The menu was not just chicken in two styles. It included chopped barbecue slaw, corn bread and assorted other Eastern Carolina trimmings.



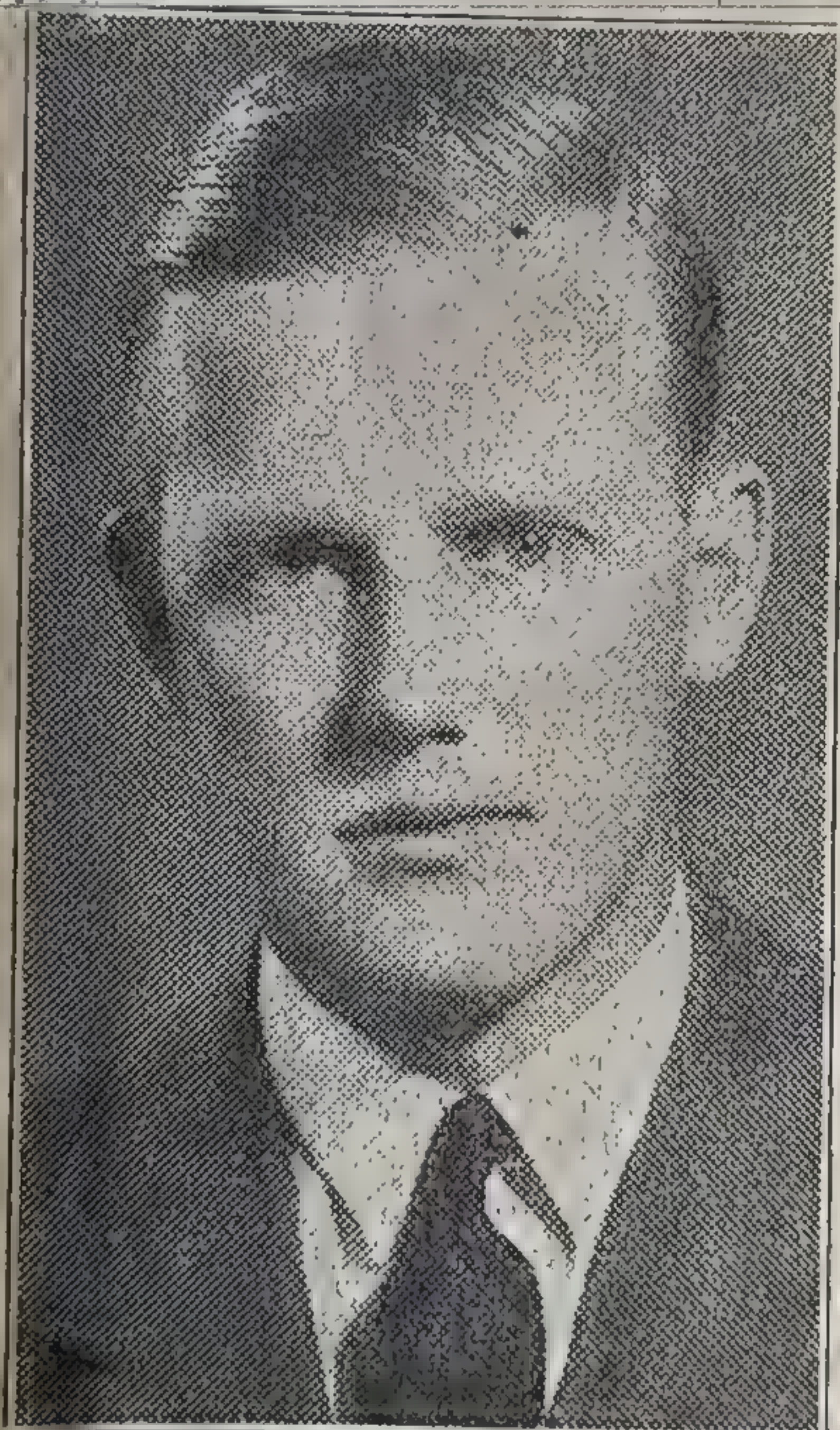
Edgar Gurganus and Junie Peel.



Cross and Forbes.

# SRPRISE

Tuesday, April 22, 1947



Edgar Jarvis Gurganus, local young man, was sworn in before Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn in the superior court here yesterday morning to practice in the state courts. His law career interrupted by the war, the former soldier repeated the oath without shaking.



# Senator Would Redistrict, Swat Traffic Law 'Bugs'

By CHARLES BOND  
Virginian-Pilot Correspondent

WILLIAMSTON, N.C. — His term as president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce and his experience as an attorney have given freshman Sen. Edgar J. Gurganus definite views on two subjects likely to come up in this year's General Assembly.

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## BETTER EDUCATION

In the legislature, he said, it is always everyone will be for improvement in higher education. On the study commission recommendation for 14 additional community colleges in the state he foresees these considerations.

Will the community colleges be terminal or will they prepare students to enter at the junior year of higher institutions?

Will their cost be prohibitive? Gurganus admitted the answers already may be in some of the voluminous reports and briefings he has not yet had the opportunity to study. "I have

been working 16 to 18 hours a day trying to get my law practice caught up so I can go to Raleigh."

On the court reform voted in a constitutional amendment Gurganus said:

I should hope that a start will be made. It will take a good hand years to work out all the details and the sooner we get started, the easier it will be. The constitutional amendment gives until 1971 for the amendment to be fully implemented.

## BASKETBALL VIEWS

"I'm reinstating the D. C. Classic basketball tournament," he said. "I've been to a lot of them. It was a great draw as card for the state and a fine athletic event. I regret that a few unfortunate instances forced its closing."

The fact that Gov. Terry Sanford will be in his last two years as governor will not lessen his leadership, Gurganus said. "He will have as strong leadership as ever if not stronger," Gurganus said.

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He is married to the former Miss Anne Bessie of Commerce and they have a son, Edgar J. Gurganus Jr.

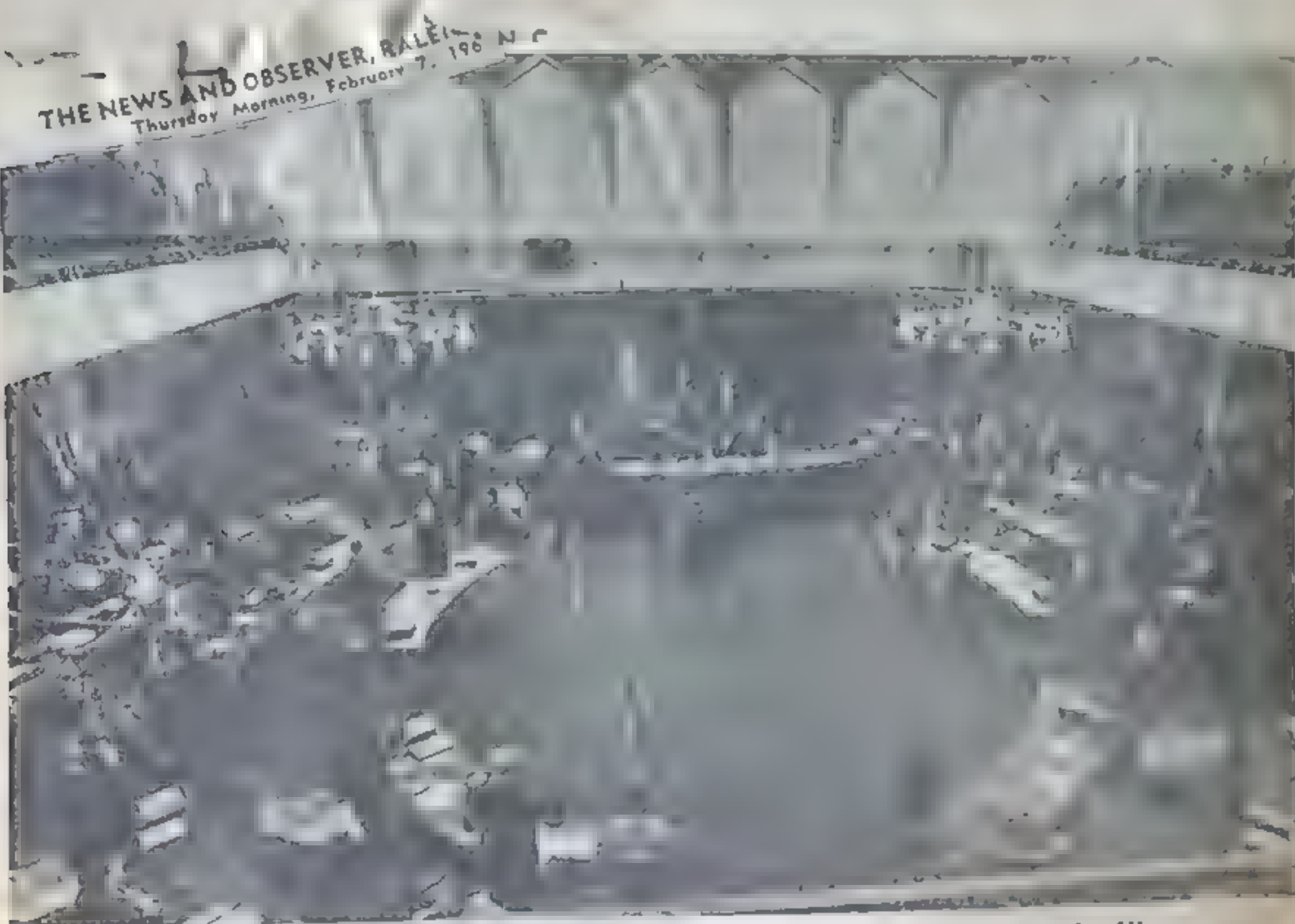
He was appointed in 30 by Gov. Luther H. Hodges to the North Carolina Prison Commission and reappointed by Governor Terry Sanford. The state's attorney general office has ruled he will have no vote in the coming election because of being in the Senate.

He is a past president of Williamston Rotary and a member of the Moose Lodge. He has been every office in the state organization. He is a member of the Methodist Church and an associate lay reader for Rocky Mount District.



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View from press gallery in Senate as senators took their oaths of office.

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"Just like grandma does it," vowed a panel of prison food tasters, composed of (from left) Mrs. L. D. Herring, Mrs. Anne Maley, both of Raleigh; and Sen. Edgar Gurganus of Martin. (Staff Photos by Warren Uzzle)

## 'No Substandard Food Here ...'

# Prison Food Tasters Delighted

BY ALLEN PAUL,  
Times Staff Writer.

Caesar's "guinea pig" tigers could never have had it so good when they tasted the emperor's food.

Of course, nobody has claimed the food prison industries can is poisoned. But aspersions have been cast on its quality.

In fact, the president of the state Wholesaler's Association said last week that prison industries' canned goods "appear to be low quality" and shouldn't be unloaded on school kids.

So a panel of official tasters—all of them, in a way, experts on food—decided this week to try it.

They sat down to a scrumptious meal at Woman's Prison and 45 minutes later came away just as satisfied as they had just eaten at Maxim's in Paris.

The panel: Sen. Edgar (Red) Gurganus of Martin; Fred Coleman, director of Slater Food Service at State College; Mrs. L. D. Herring, Raleigh house-

wife; and Mrs. Anne Maley, the Department of Public Instruction's school lunch program supervisor.

Spread before them were 23 different dishes ranging from beef pot pie and spaghetti to chicken pan pie and croquettes, all of which are canned by prison industries.

In fact, everything the panel ate was canned, except the bread.

Said Gurganus, the vice chairman of the Senate Penal Committee and a member of the Prison Commission: "Only mother's is better. And the quality of this food is as good as hers—the preparation not quite as good."

"It's a far cry from the lunch box we used to pack off to school. As far as I'm concerned, there's no evidence of any substandard food here."

Across the table, Mrs. Herring, Raleigh housewife was singing praises of the same food:

"It's well-prepared and well-seasoned—as good as I ever get in a grocery store. A lot of

canned vegetables I get there taste canned, but not these—I couldn't improve on them."

To the prison officials present for the meal, these words were sufficient rebuke for the stinging indictment directed at their food only a week earlier.

"It's as good as any other canned food I know of," said Coleman, who has been in the business of preparing food for more than 20 years, and whose firm serves 250 campuses across the country.

"Of course, their peaches aren't as good as California Number 1 Grade, but neither are a lot of other brands."

"The schools can't afford number one grade brands anyway," Mrs. Maley injected.

"Unless I was preparing food for guests, I wouldn't go to the public they (prison industries) live," she said.

Ralph Edwards, who heads Prison Enterprises, says about

20 of the 170 school systems in the state are currently using prison-canned food.

To the charge that prison food is a threat to the open market, he says: "Our food accounts for only about one per cent of the food the schools use."

"We can't possibly supply all the requests we get from the schools."

Louis Parker, who represents the canned food for Prison Enterprises, said "This food is costing the average pupil 14 cents per year—it can't be hurting the market too much."

"One school superintendent pointed out to me that our meat costs him about 50 cents per pound prepared. He wanted to know where else he could find meat like this for that price."

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## Northeastern Lawmakers

RALEIGH — Assignments to standing committees in the General Assembly are complete. Following is a list of senators and representatives from the northeast and the committees assigned.

**Sen. J. J. Harrington** (Bertie, 1st District) — Local Government (vice chairman); Manufacturing, Labor, and Commerce (vice chairman); Agriculture; Education; Finance; Highway Safety; Interstate and Federal Relations; Mental Institutions; Public Roads; Salaries and Fees; Wildlife.

**Sen. P. D. Midgett Jr.** (Hyde, 2nd District) — Conservation and Development (chairman); Election Laws and Legislative Representation (vice chairman); Public Utilities (vice chairman); Banking; Education; Finance; Public Roads; Rules; Salaries and Fees; State Government; Wildlife.

**Sen. Edgar J. Gurganus** (Martin, 2nd District) — Penal Institutions (vice chairman); Agriculture; Appropriations; Courts and Judicial Districts; Education; Ju-

diciary One; Manufacturing, Labor, and Commerce; Mental Institutions; Public Health; Public Welfare; Veterans and Military Affairs.

**Sen. Perry W. Martin** (Northampton, 3rd District) — Propositions and Grievances (chairman); Congressional Redistricting (vice chairman); Highway Safety (vice chairman); Agriculture; Appropriations; Courts and Judicial Districts; Education; Judiciary Two; Local Government; Penal Institutions; Veterans and Military Affairs.

**Sen. N. Elton Aydtlett** (Pasquotank, 1st District) — Counties, Cities, and Towns (chairman); University Trustees (vice chairman); Mental Institutions (vice chairman); Appropriations; Constitution; Higher Education; Interstate and Federal Relations; Judiciary Two; Penal Institutions; Propositions and Grievances; Public Welfare.

**Rep. Wayland J. Sermons** (Beaufort) — Public Buildings and Grounds (chairman); Propositions and Grievances (vice chair-

man); Roads (vice chairman); Agriculture; Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry; Congressional Districts; Conservation and Development; Corporations; Federal and Interstate Cooperation; Finance; Manufacturers and Labor; Public Welfare; Senatorial Districts; Trustees of the University; Wildlife Resources.

**Rep. Emmett W. Burden** (Bertie) — Agriculture; Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry; Conservation and Development; Education; Expenditures of the House; Finance; Health; Insurance; Local Government; Mental Institutions; Public Welfare; Roads; Trustees of the University; Veteran's Legislation.

**Rep. George M. Wood** (Camden) — Agriculture; Appropriations; Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry; Conservation and Development; Constitutional Amendments; Corporations; Expenditures of the House; Higher Education; Insurance; Irrigation and Drainage; Journal; Public Buildings and Grounds; Roads; Trustees of the University.

**Rep. B. Warner Evans** (Chowan) — Agriculture; Banks and Banking; Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry; Conservation and Development; Employment Security; Finance; Highway Safety; Irrigation and Drainage; Library; Manufacturers and Labor; Roads; Veteran's Legislation; Water Resources and Control; Wildlife Resources.

**Rep. Milburn E. Sawyer** (Currituck) — Agriculture; Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry; Conservation and Development; Education; Finance; Justices of the Peace; Local Government; Public Welfare; Roads; Salaries and Fees; Veteran's Legislation; Water Resources and Control; Wildlife Resources.

**Rep. M. L. Daniels Jr.** (Dare) — Banks and Banking; Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry; Conservation and Development; Enrolled Bills; Finance; Irrigation and Drainage; Military Affairs; Public Buildings and Grounds; Public Utilities; Roads; Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement; Water Resources and

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### On School Bond Proposal

## Terry Straddles Fence

Gov. Sanford told a press conference Friday, "We haven't heard from enough people and not enough people have written their legislators to suggest a demand for a school bond issue."

The Governor's remarks came a few hours after Martin County Sen. Edgar J. Gurganus handed out copies of a \$100 million school bond issue for fellow senators to study over the weekend.

Gurganus invited them to join him in introducing the Statewide referendum measure on the Senate floor next week.

Gov. Sanford would not say he was for or against the idea, nor would he speculate on whether voters would pass it.

He recognized "crucial needs in 15 or 20 counties and substantial needs in many others," but said, "I'm not satisfied at this time that we can present

### The Right to Vote

The Martin-Edgecombe hassle over a senatorial rotation agreement points up again the faults inherent in such arrangements.

When on Wednesday the Democratic leaders of Martin County decided to rescind earlier action approving an agreement with more populous Edgecombe, Senator Edgar Gurganus of Martin expressed the situation succinctly when he said:

"As I see it we either forfeit our agreement or lose the right to vote. I think the people of Martin County had rather vote."

Certainly, they had. In the first place, no political bosses of a county have a right to disenfranchise the people, which

is what agreements such as those in Edgecombe and Martin or in Wake and Chatham do during the selection of members of the State Senate.

In the second place, under the North Carolina Constitution representatives are elected from counties and senators from districts. A senator is supposed to represent a district and not a county.

North Carolina has had enough trouble with the problems of reapportionment without adding to them, by these rotation agreements. And if political bosses continue to use this device to disenfranchise larger numbers of voters, then the people may well seek recourse in the courts to regain the right to proper representation.

### Under the DOME

**SURPRISE** — Gov. Bob Scott's reappointment of Clyde H. Harriss of Salisbury to the State Correction Commission came as a surprise to political observers who recalled Harriss' efforts on behalf of Scott's primary opponent, Mel Broughton Jr.

Asked about the appointment, an aide to Scott said, "A lot of people wanted him on the commission and the governor appointed him."

There were reports that Scott renamed Harriss to the commission — although he was bumped down the chairmanship — to appease the Broughton camp which has been unhappy over the dearth of Broughton followers being placed on state boards and commissions.

Harriss, 67-year-old businessman and former legislator, was named chairman of the correction commission by former Gov. Dan Moore after Harriss was defeated in a bid for reelection to the legislature.

Scott picked State Sen. Edgar Gurganus of Williamston to serve as commission chairman. He was already a member of the seven-member commission.



# Open Opinions Clash on Closing

By ROBERT M. HAGER

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RALEIGH — Three developments have led to some amount of "friction" between legislators and newsmen covering the 1963 General Assembly:

• The decision by Senate leadership to bar working newsmen from the chamber floor, confining the media to the Senate press gallery.

• The vote of last Tuesday, by which the Joint Appropriations subcommittee broke precedent in deciding to hold full-fledged executive session, banning newsmen from all deliberations on close to \$2 billion in budget requests, until final votes are taken.

• Wednesday's "incident" in which Senate President Clarence Stone was reported to have cursed a television cameraman as he prepared to take pictures of the empty room where the appropriations subcommittee would meet later in executive session. Republicans seized on the "incident" to blast Sen. Stone and view "deplorable" relations between the press and the General Assembly.

Northeastern lawmakers were asked Friday for their reactions to these developments. Their replies follow:

• Sen. N. Elton Aydtlett of Elizabeth City: "To put it mildly, the utterances by Sen. Stone were very unfortunate. I can

think of a lot of things to say but I hate to haul off and condemn somebody. It certainly isn't doing the Democratic Party any good to have unpleasant and distasteful occurrences of that sort."

• Rep. Carl L. Bailey Jr. of Washington County: "It is incumbent upon news media and lawmakers to recognize the duties and responsibilities each has to the other and to the general public."

• Rep. C. Alden Baker of Pasquotank: "Since I am not a member of the appropriations subcommittee I have no comment at this time on their decision to conduct meetings in executive session."

• Rep. Emmitt W. Burden of Bertie: "My opinion and hope is that press relations will improve. I don't particularly like any closed door sessions."

• Rep. M. L. Daniels Jr. of Dare: "I am very sorry about the entire incident involving Sen. Stone. I have known Stone for years. He's a fine gentleman—a dedicated gentleman. I have also known most of the press and find them equally fine gentlemen and dedicated. It's been an unfortunate incident."

• Rep. Philip P. Godwin of Gates, a member of the Joint Appropriations subcommittee: "I wasn't there when the vote was taken, but I would have voted in favor of executive sessions. I don't like the word se-

crecy. We are sent up here to do a good job. Department heads Appropriations subcommittee: "I would not be able to give us true answers if they know they were going to be quoted in the press. It's much the same as a lawyer discussing a case with a client, in private, in preparation for an open court trial later."

• Sen. Edgar J. Gurganus of Williamston: "I can readily see where, to gather all the facts, it is necessary for the subcommittee to sometimes deal in personalities. Other matters come up, too, that should not be brought out in public. This is necessary if the subcommittee is going to get the facts. Presence of news media would hamper the committee's investigation. People would be more reluctant to make statements. But no decision of the parent committee should be made except at open, public meetings."

• Rep. Roberts H. Jernigan Jr. of Hertford County: "It is sincerely hoped that better relations will be obtained between the General Assembly and the press. As both become better oriented to the new legislative building, I'm sure this will happen. In general, I am against executive sessions of committees but, at times, I am sure such is necessary."

• Rep. Archie T. Lane Sr.

of Perquimans: "I personally feel enough has been said about the Sen. Stone incident. I also feel that the whole area of friction between newsmen and the Legislature is detrimental. I'm sorry the incident occurred and I'm sorry it happened to the newsmen, but he should have passed over it like a good sport."

• Rep. W. J. Lupton of Hyde: "It is unfortunate that the incident was discussed on the floor of the House. Everyone, including the Speaker, was caught off guard and, had the Speaker known the speeches were coming I don't believe he would have allowed it to happen. As far as the subcommittee is concerned, their purpose was not to exclude the press but simply to allow free discussion in executive session with no final vote until the doors are open."

• Sen. P. D. Midgett Jr. of Hyde: "I don't want to add my comment to the confusion. The whole thing has been blown out of proportion. A mountain has been made out of a molehill. The more that's written, the worse it will be."

• Rep. Paul D. Roberson of Martin: "As a House member I have no right, morally or legally, to comment on a matter concerning the Senate. It was improper for the Republicans to criticize something involving another house. It was a personal attack upon a man who could not be present, in person, to defend himself. I approve of the subcommittee's decision to

hold executive sessions until they get to voting."

• Rep. Milburn E. Sawyer of Currituck: "I believe in keeping the people informed. When I was on the Currituck Board of Commissioners it was suggested several times that we should go into executive session and I would not allow it. I think that speaks for my position on this situation."

• Rep. Wayland J. Sermons of Beaufort: "I think the people are completely protected by the executive session ruling, since no final actions will be taken in executive session. This means matters will be discussed more freely and, therefore, we will have better government. It is not a matter of trying to hide something — it will simply allow the subcommittee more freedom."

• Rep. George M. Wood of Camden: "I wouldn't know why the subcommittee closed its doors, but that was their decision and it's up to them. Of course they probably feel they can deliberate better in the absence of the press."

• Rep. J. Raynor Woodard of Northampton: "I can see where the subcommittee could probably work with more freedom behind closed doors, but I feel newsmen should be allowed to report the proceedings so long as they do not report direct quotations (as the practice in past sessions of the General Assembly)."

## School Bond Bill Readied

RALEIGH (AP) — Bond issues for roads and schools were top topics Friday, as the North Carolina legislature closed out its second calendar month.

Delaying a highway bond issue until a study commission can report in 1965 was suggested by Sen. Ralph Scott of Alamance, a leading opponent of a bill for a \$200 million road bond vote.

An invitation for cosponsors on a \$100-million school bond bill was extended by Sen. Edgar J. Gurganus of Martin. Copies of the proposed bill, which he said will be introduced next week, were passed out to senators.

Other developments during the day:

# Gurganus Enters School Bill, Asks Public for Help



Sen. Gurganus

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RALEIGH — Freshman Sen. Edgar J. Gurganus of Martin County Wednesday sent in his long-awaited, and much-publicized \$100-million school bond bill for state aid to local school construction.

"Don't ask me about any other piece of legislation," Gurganus told reporters. "All I know about is school bonds, because that's all I've thought about for 2½ months in Raleigh."

Because Gurganus feels the state needs a "strong foundation of local education in the counties, or else our projected higher education program will crumble," the bill asks for a statewide referendum before the end

of this year. Gurganus envisions this fall as the ideal time. "I feel support is there," Gurganus said.

"We've heard from school people all over the state. But we want to hear from many more. We hope people will voice their opinions now, before the legislature goes home. Then, with the vote set for some time in the fall, we'll have plenty of time to explain the issue."

The Gurganus bill was simultaneously introduced in the House. The House already has a \$100-million school bond proposal introduced last Monday night by Rep. Odell Williamson of Brunswick, but Gurganus sees serious differences between the two bills.

Gurganus' chief lieutenants in the battle to put the bill across

will be Sen. David Clark of Lincoln County and Reps. Allen C. Barbee of Nash and Joe A. Watkins of Granville.

The Gurganus measure bears the signature of 5 lawmakers, and the Williamston legislator pegs its chances of passage in the Legislature as good.

He traveled the state widely in working out details of the bill and talking with educators.

The principal holdup had been the decision on what formula to use in parceling the money among the various counties and school systems.

The final decision is a masterpiece of simplicity: Each school system's allocation would be in direct proportion to its average daily attendance in the schools; a system with twice as

many pupils would get twice as much money.

Previous bond issues for schools, like the current Williamson proposal in the House, gave a bigger proportionate break to the smaller, less-populated counties.

"Our bill knows no county boundaries," Gurganus said. "We feel the need is statewide, just as serious in the big counties as it is in the small."

Under the Gurganus proposal, if approved by statewide referendum, school systems would be asked to submit plans for school construction, improvement, or renovation to the State Board of Education. The ultimate decision on priorities within the local school system would be left to the state board.

A unique provision lists allo-

cations by school units, rather than counties. Thus the bill spells out exactly how much would go to each county school system and how much to each city system.

In cases similar to Pasquotank County where consolidation of the systems may occur, the figures for each unit would simply be totaled.

Gurganus differs sharply with a clause in the Williamson measure which would allow counties to spend their allocations on retiring bonded indebtedness for construction that has already occurred, where the counties may not wish to launch new construction.

"This defeats the purpose of a bond issue for construction,"

Gurganus said. "Let the counties and cities pay themselves the money they are already obligated for. Our bill puts the money where it's needed — on school construction."

Gurganus is undecided on another big bond question: the road bond bill. But Sen. Clark, co-drafter of the Gurganus measure, said he is for the road bonds and feels both are compatible and in the best interests of the state.

The Gurganus formula for allocation, based on daily pupil attendance, drew the support of the N.C. Association of Public School Superintendents, meeting in Asheville two weeks ago.

Copies of the bill have been sent to all school superintend-

ents and letters of explanation to all county commission boards.

Proposed unit allocations under the Gurganus bill in North-eastern counties follow:

Beaufort, \$475,275; City of Washington, \$390,337; Bertie, \$628,831; Camden, \$126,505; Chowan, \$81,061; City of Edenton, \$201,164; Currituck, \$135,181; Dare, \$112,439; Gates, \$222,354; Halifax, \$961,641; City of Roanoke Rapids, \$336,146; City of Weldon, \$215,862; Hertford, \$567,968; Hyde, \$131,464; Martin, \$715,753; Northampton, \$704,392; Pasquotank, \$203,509; Elizabeth City, \$330,465; Perquimans, \$214,329; Tyrell, \$105,316; Washington, \$351,474.



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## Both Houses Get Bills On School Bond Vote

Twin bills calling for a State-wide referendum on a \$100 million school construction bond program were introduced in the House and Senate Wednesday.

Based on the private views of school administrators about the shape of any State bond program, the twin bills had imposing lists of co-sponsors. The Senate measure was signed by 21 of 50 senators while 30 of the 120 House members were signers there.

Sens. Edgar Gurganus of Martin and Dave Clark of Lincoln, and Rep. Allen Barbee of Nash were authors of the legislation, the fourth school bond proposal made thus far in the General Assembly.

The bills call for allocations of bond funds to counties on the basis of average daily membership in school systems.

As such, they fit the views of the State School Superintendents' Association, and State level educational planners, about the way funds should be allocated.

Another House bill - calling for \$50 million in bonds and bearing 45 signatures had earlier suggested allocations weighted to favor smaller counties.

The author of that bill, Rep. Odell Williamson of Columbus, raised his sights Monday and sent in a \$100 million bond bill, simply doubling the allocations in his original bill.

The Williamson bills are still held up in the House Educa-

tion Committee, which has approved a measure allocating \$25 million from current State revenues for school construction. That school bill, however, has been sent to the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee.

The measure's sent in yesterday were sent to finance committees in House and Senate.

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### WEATHER

Partly cloudy today and Friday, chance of showers Friday.  
Low today, 60; high, 82.

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## Assembly In Pasquotank



Observer



# School Bond Vote Bill Wins Senate Panel OK

## Committees Now Weigh Measure

A bill calling for a Statewide vote on a \$100 million bond issue for school construction in North Carolina cleared its first legislative hurdle Thursday.

The Senate Education Committee approved the measure, which was introduced by Sen. Edgar Gurganus of Martin and bore the names of 20 other senators. The bill now faces action in the Finance and Appropriations committees.

A similar bill is expected to come up for consideration before the House Education Committee next week.

Under the measure, the money from the bond issue would be distributed to counties on the basis of the average daily attendance for the school year 1961-62. If approved by the Legislature, the bond issue would be voted on at a date to be set by the Governor. The referendum would be held this year.

Citing the need for improved school buildings, Sen. Gurganus told the committee that "as we watch the tree of education grow, we must fertilize the roots."

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State superintendent of public instruction, said that all the counties in the State "have some school building needs. There are acute needs in a third of the counties."

He cited figures from a survey made last fall which shows that 3,756 additional classrooms are needed now. To take care of the enrollment increase expected for the 1963-64 school year, 690 additional classrooms will be needed.

Sen. Ralph Scott of Alamance wanted to know whether it would spur greater school construction if counties matched State funds.

Carroll said the counties "have put in far more than 50 per cent in the past 15 years." He added the question of State and county matching funds "is a recurring one that has never been resolved. I would like to see the Legislature spell out whether it is a joint responsibility of the State and counties or whether the counties should do it."

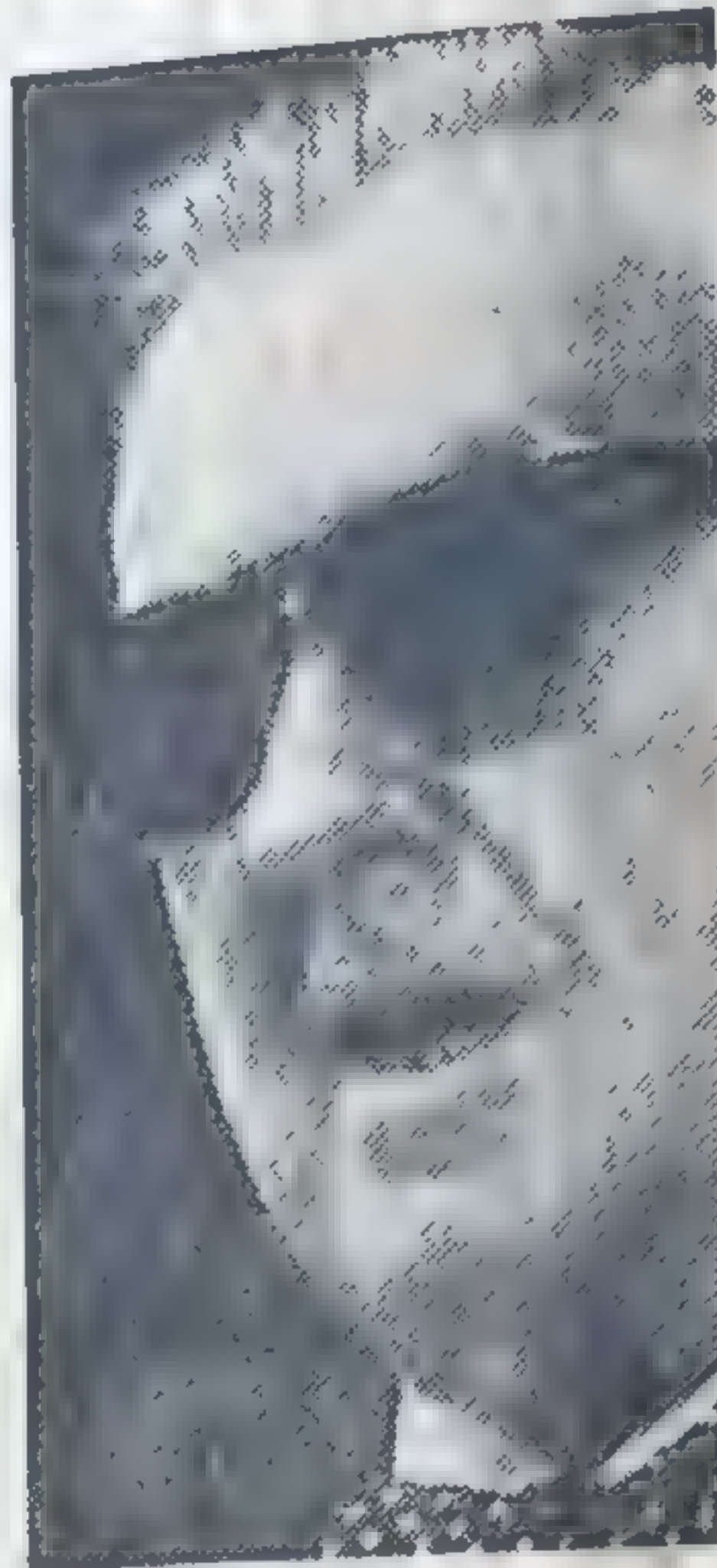
Sen. Luther Hamilton of Carteret, speaking for the bond issue, said "there is not any excuse for the State to hold back at all on a proposition like this."



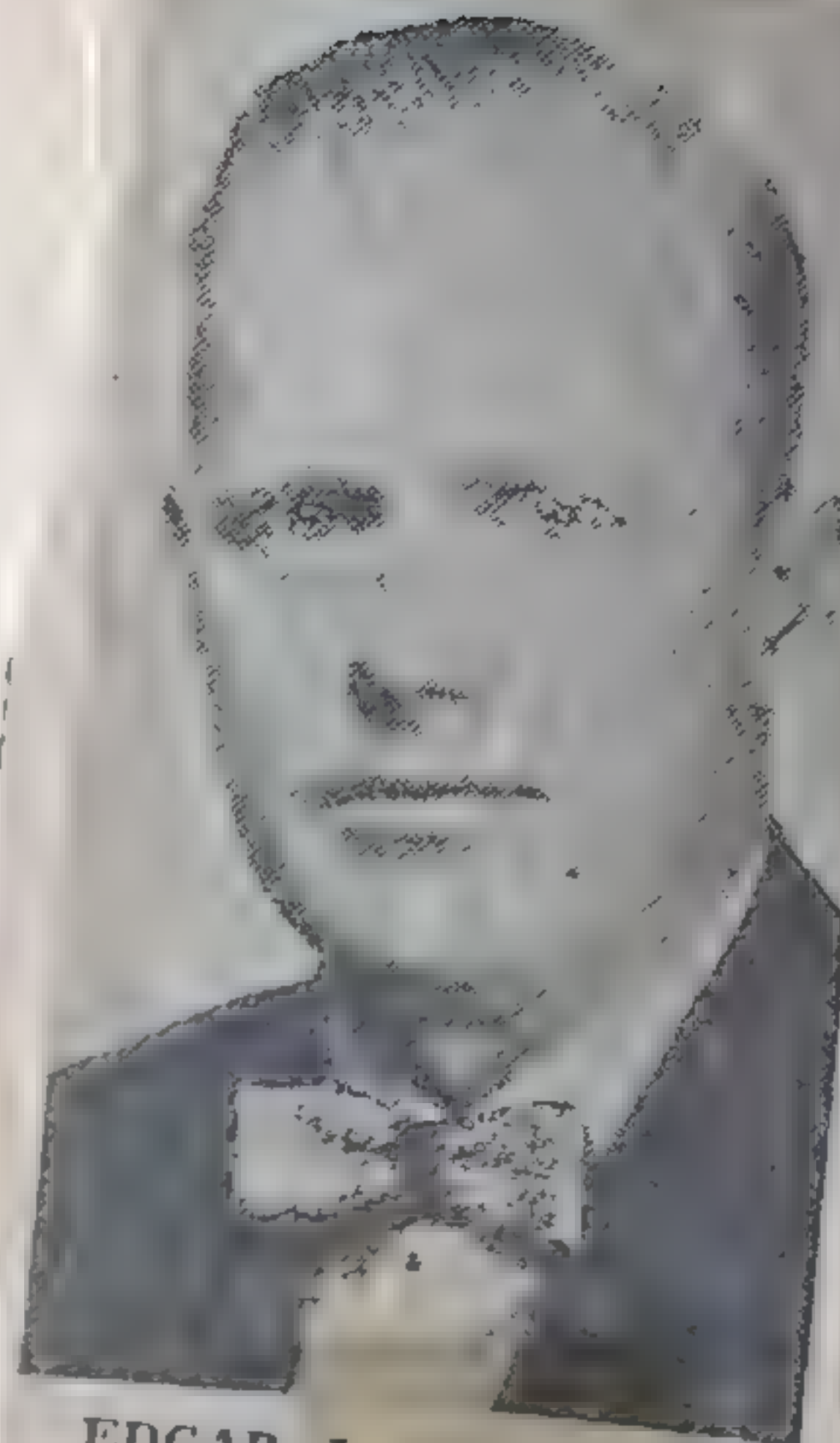
SEN. GURGANUS



DR. CARROLL



SEN. HAMILTON



EDGAR J. GURGANUS

## SAMPLE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT

For Solicitor, State Senator, and County Officers

### INSTRUCTIONS

- To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

**For Solicitor**  
Second Solicitorial District  
(Vote for One)

- 420  
☐ ROY R. HOLDFORD, JR.  
228 ☒ VERNON F. DAUGHTRIDGE

**For State Senator**  
Second Senatorial District  
(Vote for Two)

- 22 ☐ P. D. MIDGETTE, JR.  
675 ☒ EDGAR J. GURGANUS  
172 ☒ EDWARD L. OWENS

**For Sheriff**  
(Vote for One)

- ☐ W. RAYMOND RAWLS 473  
☐ DEWEY STALLS 74

**For County Commissioner**  
Williamston-Poplar Point District  
(Vote for One)

- ☐ J. H. EDWARDS 247  
☐ JOSEPH H. THIGPEN  
Hamilton-Goose Nest District  
(Vote for One)  
☐ HENRY S. JOHNSON  
☐ JOHN SLEDGE 303

Primary Election, May 26, 1962.

*[Signature]*

Chairman of Martin County Board of Elections



School  
Bond Bill  
Gains

1 Approved,  
1 Blocked

By Virginian-Pilot Raleigh Correspondent

RALEIGH — The House Education Committee, faced with a choice between two different bills for a statewide referendum for \$100 million in school bonds, Wednesday chose the one introduced by Rep. Odell Williamson of Brunswick County, and blocked the other, drawn by Martin County Sen. Edgar J. Gurganus.

The Senate Education Committee already has approved the Gurganus version, and sent it to the Senate Finance Committee, but—unlike the Gurganus bill—the Williamson measure was not introduced in both houses.

There was no question the House committee would approve the bond issue and send it on to Finance. The issue narrowed to which bill the committee would approve.

STILL 'ALIVE'

After nearly an hour of discussion, the committee voted to give the Williamson version a favorable report, 29 to 14. A motion to act identically on the Gurganus bill failed, by the same margin. Thus the Gurganus bill is still "alive" in committee but a majority of the members are "on record" against it.

Key factor in the vote was allocation of the \$100 million by counties, should a referendum approve the bonds. The Williamson bill would give 73 smaller counties a little more than their apportionate share, at the expense of the 27 most populous counties. The Gurganus bill bases allocations strictly on average daily attendance in the schools.

'SAME OLD STORY'

Under the Gurganus formula, Rep. Paul J. Story of McDowell County charged it would be "the same old story of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer."

Other differences written into the Williamson bill would allow county boards to shuffle their allocations among various school systems in their county according to which had the greatest need and would permit counties to spend their allocation to retire bonded indebtedness already incurred for schools if they so choose.

Meanwhile, Hoke County Rep. Neill L. McFadyen said all the maneuvering may be for naught: "I've talked to a number of people around the state, and I don't believe any bond issue would be approved by the voters following this session, whether it's for schools, roads, or anything else," McFadyen said.

the near future to aid in general solicitation of the business and residential section, the college, and out-of-town branch firms.

In addition he will appoint a special gifts chairman and a chairman from the Service League which will take part in the fund campaign.

Williamston Lawyer  
Is Man of-the Year

WILLIAMSTON, Jan. 24—A 30-year-old lawyer is Williamston's "Outstanding Young Man of 1951."

Attorney Edward J. Gurganus, active in civic and professional activities, received this honor at the Junior Chamber of Commerce's annual Distinguish Service Award banquet held in the Methodist Church dining room this week. The selection was made by a secret committee composed of prominent local citizens. Seventeen men were considered.

The presentation was made by Mayor Robert Cowen on behalf of the Williamston Jaycees who annually co-sponsor this award with the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.



Monday, January 25, 1943

Wake Forest Graduates 38  
At First Mid-Term Event

WAKE FOREST—Degrees were conferred today by President Thurman Kitchin of Wake Forest College upon 38 graduates, the first group to receive diplomas at mid year in the history of the 109-year-old institution.

"The biggest business, and the most important business in the world is the making of good men and women, and here it is that the Christian college makes its greatest contribution," the graduates were told in the commencement address by I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home of Thomasville and president of the Baptist State Convention.

Talking on the subject, "The Christian Colleges as Interpreters of Life," the speaker said that most of the mistakes made by individuals and nations in the world's history came from misinterpretation of the facts of life.

He advised the graduates to choose well, to use what talents they possess, and to learn to live.

He quoted Hugh Black as saying, "You may get all these things, but don't get leanness of soul."

Recognizing the value of utilitarian education, he made an appeal for tempering it with liberal education. "In making a living," he said, "don't lose the art of living. Pity the man who does not glory in a sunset or catch the thrill of a great classic."

Diplomas were awarded the following: Bachelor of Science—Paul Truitt Baker, Cramerton; Francis McLean Byers, Canton; Thomas J. Byrne, Baltimore, Maryland; Hubert M. Caddell, Hoffman; Helen B. Campfield, Forest City; Shelton C. Canter, Wilkesboro; F. P. Dale, Kinston; S. Booker Dillard, Draper; J. A. Easley, Jr., Wake Forest; H. Frank Faucetts, Jr., Raleigh; J. E. Ferguson, Jr., Greensboro; Thurston Formy Duval, Whiteville; Joseph P. Greer, Thomasville; J. T. Hutchins, Raleigh; W. G. Johnson, St. Pauls; Frank S. Kincheloe, Jr., Charlotte; H. M. Livingston, Laurel Hill; Wooten M. Odom, Ahoskie; R. E. Reid, Asheville; H. P. Riggs, Wake Forest; Jesse F. Rhodes, Washington, D. C.; R. G. Salecbee, Wilson; Rex, F. Tilotson, Rocky Mt.; P. D. Trivette, Mooresville; J. B. Turner, Jr., Griffin, Ga.; J. S. Walker, Jr., Brevard; J. K. Williford, Angier.

Bachelor of Science—J. G. Barrett, Laurinburg; J. D. Collins, III, Mt. Gilead; J. W. Futrelle, Ahoskie; R. S. Pruette, Wadesboro; J. E. Turner, Landrum, S. C.; H. O. Walters, Baltimore, Md.

Bachelor of Laws—B. W. Ball, Hamlet; B. D. Brown, Clyde; J. T. Davis, Forest City; E. J. Gurganus, Williamston; J. N. Martin, Wake Forest.

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# Martin Would Get \$715,753.78 Under School Bond Plan

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needed consolidation of schools, and rapidly approaching obsolescence of some existing school plants continue to intensify the need for additional school plant facilities; and Whereas, the financing of capital school improvements at the local school level has become difficult

and in some instances beyond the resources of the counties, nearly half of which have already reached or are approaching constitutional limits of borrowing capacity; and

Whereas, the local financing is complicated further by rising interest rates; and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina with its superior resources in borrowing power and in cash, can come to the aid of the several counties in financing in part badly needed school improvements; now, therefore, the General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Subject to the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the state who shall vote in the election called and held as hereinafter provided, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized, by and with the consent of the Governor and Council of State, to issue and sell, as one time or from time to time, bonds of the state to be designated "State of North Carolina Public School Facilities Bonds of 1963," in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$100,000,000, for the purpose of providing grants in aid to the various counties of the state for the construction and improvement of public school facilities. (The proceeds of said bonds are hereby appropriated for said purpose, which appropriation shall be in addition to all other appropriations heretofore made or which may be made at the present session of the General Assembly.)

Sec. 2. The proceeds of said bonds shall be allocated and distributed to the counties of the state on the basis of the per capita average daily membership within each county for the school year 1961-62 as certified by the State Superintendent

of Public Instruction. The funds allocated to the counties shall, in turn, be apportioned among the administrative units of the county or counties in accordance with the same formula. Upon submission to the State Board of Education of an approvable plan of school organization and a plan of expenditure, funds shall be made available to the various school administrative units for the construction, improvement, and renovation of public school facilities, and for the purchase of such equipment as shall be essential to the efficient operation of the facilities. In approval of local plans of expenditure, the State Board of Education shall give priority to basic facilities essential to an adequate school program. Funds received and disbursed under the provisions of this act shall be administered by the State Board of Education and shall be used only for the purposes specified in this act.

3. The proceeds of said bonds may be used to match any federal funds which might be made available by the Congress for the construction and improvement of school plant facilities.

Sec. 4. The State Board of Education is authorized to deduct not exceeding one-fourth of one per cent from the amount allocated to each county in the state under this act and use the same for education surveys and technical assistance necessary to the construction and improvement of school plant facilities. Such surveys and assistance shall be made available to the counties of the state by the Division of School Planning in the Department of Public Instruction. Said funds may also be used by the Division of School Planning in evaluating the program of school construction made possible through this act and for conducting such research in school house planning which would be productive in the future design and construction of school facilities.

Sec. 5. The bonds herein authorized shall bear such date or dates, shall be serial bonds and shall mature at such times and in such amounts, not exceeding twenty (20) years from their date or respective dates, and shall bear interest at such rates or rates, not exceeding four per centum (4%) per annum, payable semi-annually, as may be fixed by the State Treasurer with the approval of the Governor and Council of State.

Sec. 6. The bonds shall be signed on behalf of the State of North Carolina by the Governor or shall bear his facsimile signature and shall be signed by the State Treasurer, shall bear the Great Seal of the State or a facsimile thereof shall bear the Great Seal of the state or a facsimile thereof shall be impressed or imprinted thereon, and said bonds shall carry interest coupons which shall bear a facsimile of the signature of the State Treasurer. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on any bonds or coupons shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, such signature or such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery. The form and denomination of the bonds shall be such as the State Treasurer may determine in conformity with this act, and said bonds shall be subject to registration

as is now or may hereafter be provided by law for state bonds, and provision may also be made for the reconversion into coupon bonds of any bonds registered as to both principal and interest.

Sec. 7. Subject to determination by the Governor and Council of State as to the manner in which said bonds shall be offered for sale, whether by publishing notices in certain newspapers and financial journals or by mailing notices or by inviting bids by correspondence or otherwise, the State Treasurer is authorized to sell said bonds at one time or from time to time at the best price obtainable, but in no case for less than par and accrued interest, and when the conditions are equal he shall give the preference of purchase to the citizens of North Carolina. All expenses necessarily incurred in the preparation and sale of the bonds shall be paid from the proceeds of such sale.

Sec. 8. The proceeds of said bonds and of the bond anticipation notes herein authorized (except the proceeds of bonds the issuance of which has been anticipated by such bond anticipation notes) shall be placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund known as the "Public School Facilities Fund of 1963," and shall be disbursed, under the direction and supervision of the State Board of Education as herein provided, only for the purposes provided in this act.

Sec. 9. By and with the consent of the Governor and Council of State, who shall determine the rate or rates or maximum rate of interest and the date or approximate date of payment, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow money at the lowest rate of interest obtainable, and to execute and issue notes of the State for the same, but only in the following circumstances and under the following conditions:

(a) For anticipating the sale of any of said bonds to the issuance of which the Governor and Council of State shall have given consent, if the State Treasurer shall deem it advisable to postpone the issuance of such bonds;

(b) For the payment of interest upon or any installment of principal of any said bonds then outstanding, if there shall not be sufficient funds in the State Treasury with which to pay such interest or installment of principal as they respectively fall due;

(c) For the renewal of any loan evidenced by notes herein authorized.

Sec. 10. Funds derived from the sale of bonds herein authorized shall be used in the payment of any bond anticipation notes that may have been issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds and any renewals of such notes; and funds provided by the General Assembly for the payment of interest on or principal of bonds herein authorized shall be used in paying the interest on or principal of any notes and any renewals thereof the proceeds of which shall have been used in paying interest on or principal of such bonds. Interest payments upon said notes may be evidenced by interest coupons in the State Treasurer's discretion.

Sec. 11. The full faith, credit and taxing power of the State are hereby

pledged for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds and notes herein authorized.

Sec. 12. The coupons appertaining to said bonds and notes after maturity shall be receivable in payment of all taxes, debts, dues, licenses, fines and demands due the state of any kind whatsoever.

Sec. 13. All of said bonds and notes and coupons shall be exempt from all State, county and municipal taxation or assessment, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise, and the interest on said bonds and notes shall not be subject to taxation as for income, nor shall said bonds or notes or coupons be subject to taxation when constituting a part of the surplus of any bank, trust company or other corporation.

Sec. 14. It shall be lawful for all executors, administrators, guardians and fiduciaries generally, and all sinking fund commissions, to invest any moneys in their hands

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Williamston, N. C.

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## The Little People

John Alexander McMahon, general counsel of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, is right. It would not be the big counties which would foot the bill for the proposed \$100,000,000 school bond issue. It would be the little people.

In undertaking to demolish the suggestion that big counties would pay back much more than they receive, Mr. McMahon points out that in reality much of the taxes would not be paid by people who live in the big counties but by people who come to them as trade centers to buy goods and pay sales taxes. That's the milk in the coconut. The bonds would be paid off in large measure by people now paying sales taxes for schools even on their food.

Those relieved would not be the little counties but property owners everywhere.

In recent years there has been a clear trend to reduce taxes on business, industry and property and to extend the taxes on the subsistence of the people. The State's increased appropriations for the operation of schools in all the counties were based in large measure on the extension of the sales tax. Now it is proposed to put the cost of the school building construction on the subsistence of the people, too.

The question involved in the proposed school building bond issue is not one involving differences between big and little counties but between those who pay taxes on their subsistence and those who pay taxes on their wealth and property.



Friday, April 19, 1963

## Education Bill, Bonds Advanced by Senate

### College Decision Today

RALEIGH (AP) — Legislation on higher education and a \$100 million bond issue for public school construction cleared hurdles Thursday.

The Senate approved on a 48-0 roll-call vote, and held for final action today, a higher education package bill which wraps up a community college system, senior status for three present community colleges, and a strengthened, unified University of North Carolina.

The school bond bill got past the Senate Education Committee, but headed for a tougher test in the Senate Finance Committee. Sen. Edgar Gurganus of Martin, the bond bill sponsor, said the need for school construction has been spurred by the state's recent progress in education.

In other developments Thursday:



Sen. Gurganus

Tuesday, July 9, 1963



Reappointed for a third term to the North Carolina Prison Commission, Edgar Gurganus, local attorney, last Friday subscribed to the oath of office before Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne. A state senator, Mr. Gurganus was first appointed by former Governor Luther Hodges in 1957 for a two-year term. Hodges reappointed him in 1959 for a four-year term, followed by the third appointment by Governor Sanford.

## Martin Would Get \$715,753.78 Under School Bond Plan

### \$100 Million School Bond Bill Gets Approval in Senate Committee

A proposed \$100,000,000 bond issue to finance the construction of school buildings in North Carolina has been given approval by a committee in the State Senate, and the measure is receiving strong support.

Introduced by Senator Edgar Gurganus of Williamston and others, the bond plan would allocate \$715,753.78 for school construction in this county.

The bill reads, as follows:

Whereas, in 1949 the State of North Carolina made available to the several counties of the state 50 million dollars for the purpose of capital school improvement, 25 million dollars from then existing surplus funds and 25 million dollars from a bond issue supported by the electorate; and

Whereas, in 1953, recognizing the acute and continuing need for substantial improvement in school facilities, the state of North Carolina made available to the several counties another 50 million dollars provided from a bond issue supported by the electorate; and

Whereas, the 1949 and 1953 state grants gave encouragement and impetus to local effort in providing capital funds for school improvement; and

Whereas, the several counties, utilizing local capital outlay funds and local bond issues, have made substantial progress in the addition and improvement of school plant facilities particularly during the past decade; and

Whereas, in spite of continuing financial efforts at the local level, there remains in the various counties of the state serious shortage of school plant facilities; and

Whereas, increasing enrollments

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## Zack Gurkin Gets OYF Award for 1960

Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham came down from Raleigh last Thursday evening to address the annual Outstanding Young Farmer banquet in Town and Country Restaurant in which Zack Gurkin, Farm Life young man, won the top award. The event is sponsored by the Williamston Jaycees and Virginia Electric and Power Company. Pictured here at the close of the program are: left to right, Robert Godard, president of the Jaycees, the winning young farmer, Commissioner Graham, Jack Haden, Albemarle District manager for Vepco who made the presentation, and Edgar J. Gurganus who served as toastmaster.





# Informal Legislative Session At Club Here

Thursday, April 18, 1963

## Legislators Made Town A Courtesy Call Last Night

No Holds Barred During Session That'll Never Get Into Official Records

Traveling from Raleigh yesterday morning over to Elizabeth City to hold a session on Hall's Creek, where the first Assembly met in 1665, members of the North Carolina State Legislature handled official duties, enjoyed tours and social events in the City and in Hertford and Edenton before moving into Williamston at 8:00 o'clock last evening for an informal session, a session where no holds were barred and one that'll never get into the official records.

Riding in eight busses and a few private cars, the legislators, their wives, friends and press members, numbering about three hundred, were greeted by representatives of the town and Martin County and the home-town senator, Edgar Gurganus, and House Member Paul D. Roberson.

Plans for entertaining the group were well executed by Club Manager Mrs. Effie Sparrow and volunteers. Refreshments were prepared and waiting in various parts of the building, with a large buffet table in the main lobby. There was plenty for all, and following the refreshments and meal, harmony prevailed around the piano. The group slowly moved out and drove away at 9:45 o'clock for Raleigh.

If there was any discord over press relations, redistricting, or bond issues, and/or any other legislative controversies, it was not evident on the surface. There were quite a few of the press representatives along, including Roy Parker of the News and Observer, Bill Clough of the Charlotte News, William A. Shires of the Associated Afternoon Dailies, Bryan Haislip, a Martin County boy who is with the Associated Press, Gordon

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## Legislators Made Town A Courtesy Call Last Night

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Greenwood of Black Mountain and a member of the House, and others.

Senator Tom White, a brother of Gary White, who made his home in Williamston for a time before locating in Georgia, and a target of the press, was most congenial. Asked if the "session" was open or secret, the Senator said let it be on the record, everything. If he held any animosity against the press, White did not express it during the time spent here. In fact, he was quite sympathetic, at times, toward the news boys, explaining that there are two sides to most every argument. The Senator offered no comment when asked if he the press was trying to control some of the legislators, as had been charged in certain quarters. In was felt that the Senator wanted to do what he thought was right and in the best interests of the state and the people. Concern was expressed by the Senator over some of the proposed legislation, and he expressed the opinion that budget appropriations are a bit excessive in some areas. He was most appreciative of the hospitality accorded on the stop here.

Clifton Blue, the congenial and soft-spoken Speaker of the House, searched around for grass-roots opinions, and did not seem too much surprised when told there was growing unrest in the hinterlands. Loud in his praise for the hospitality, Speaker Blue said that much work had been handled, that it would start emerging soon from the committees.

Jim Phipps, Orange County Representative and a student wizard in the university forty years ago, expressed concern over some of the present trends.

Senator P. D. Midgett, from this district, is a bit worried over the redistricting plan proposed in the Currie bill. Senator Midgett said he did not think it fair to add Craven to the second district.

Some of the lawmakers discussed the proposed \$200 million road bond plan, a few expressing doubt if it would be cleared this year, that if it did there is serious doubt if the people would vote for it.

Aside from the brief discussions about various legislative proposals and activities, most of the legislators appeared willing to relax and enjoy themselves, many of them showing the effects of a tough work schedule.

While all the visitors, coming from ever nook and corner in the State, wore their best smiles, the stop here was brightened by Dr. Charles Carroll, State Superintendent of Education, and his wife, the former Miss Nellie Wynne, of Williamston. Then there was Martin's old friend, Henry Shelton, and his good wife, and Senator Elton Aydtlett from Elizabeth City, and many, many others, including numbers who made a similar stop here several years ago.



SEN. EDGAR GURGANUS

## Local Lions Club To Fete Ladies

Senator Edgar Gurganus Of Williamston To Be Main Speaker Friday P.M.

The Washington Lions club will Friday night fete their ladies at ladies night banquet at the Washington Yacht & Country club.

Senator Edgar Gurganus of Williamston will be the main speaker. He will be presented by Waylan Sermons, Beaufort County representative in the state legislature.

Roy Woodcock, slated to become district Lions governor and Beverly Moss, Rotary district governor nominee, will be recognized.

Guests will include brass in the Lions movement.

There will be gifts for the ladies and Zoph Potts will render dinner music on the organ. Julian Vann, president, will preside.

A dance will follow the dinner and program.

## \$100 MILLION ISSUE

"I was just inquiring around to see how the other legislators felt about it when the report got out that I was preparing to introduce a \$100 million bond proposal for schools," Senator Edgar Gurganus said while spending the week-end at his home here. It is likely that the proposal will be offered in bill form, but Senator Gurganus does not know when it will be introduced in the legislature.

Mr. Gurganus said that much interest is being expressed in the proposal, adding that the plan would provide funds to take care of needed buildings and facilities "back home" at the elementary and high school levels.

## School Bond Bill Gets Nod

Senate Group For \$100 Million

Legislation authorizing the issuance of \$100 million in bonds for school construction won approval of the Senate Education Committee today.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Edgar Gurganus of Martin and others, now goes to the Finance and Appropriations Committees.

The House Education Committee is expected to consider a similar bill at its meeting next week.

Senator Gurganus' measure was signed by 21 senators. If approved by the General Assembly, the bond issue would be submitted to a vote of the people. The election date would be set for sometime this year by the governor.

The money from the bonds would be distributed to the counties on the basis of the average daily attendance for the school year 1961-62.

Gurganus told the committee the North Carolina Division of Superintendents had approved the allocation formula.

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, superintendent of public instruction, cited figures showing school building needs in the state.

"I would say that all counties have some needs," he said. "There are acute needs in a third of the counties."

Sen. Luther Hamilton of Carteret told the committee, "There is not any excuse for the state to hold back at all on a proposition like this."

The House and Senators looked like pine Friday with one-year-old seedlings growing from every legislator's desk. seedlings were held in paper milk containers, an product of Eastern North na's pulp and paper indus-

Edgar Gurganus of Martin Rep. Carl Bailey of Washington noted that the pine is now the al State tree, as well as an trial resource, and 20,000 those given legislators will ended out at the Trade Fair opens in Charlotte today. seedlings had envelopes at- containing instructions for g. There were even special tions for mountain lawmak- o may have trouble with climate and seedling work ce a sturdy Eastern pine.

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER, RALEIGH, N. C.  
Saturday Morning, April 27, 1963

WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 24, 1963



May 27, 1963

The Honorable Terry Sanford  
Governor of The State of North Carolina  
Raleigh, North Carolina

My Dear Governor Sanford:

This letter is to commend to you one of the Senators  
in The General Assembly, The Honorable Edgar J. Gurganus.

Mr. Gurganus is a member of our Williamston Methodist  
Church and has proved to be an interested, active and helpful  
church member. He is on our Official Board, teaches a Church  
School class, is on the Board of Trustees, and is serving now  
as Associate District Lay Leader. We have found him to be  
dedicated and capable in each and every one of these offices.

In our opinion the State Government would be improved  
if it had more men like Honorable Edgar J. Gurganus.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Cordially,

Sidney Boone



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
RALEIGH

TERRY SANFORD  
GOVERNOR

May 31, 1963

The Reverend Sidney Boone  
First Methodist Church  
North Watts and East Church Streets  
Williamston, North Carolina

Dear Reverend Boone:


Thank you for your letter of May 27 commending  
the fine character and able service of Senator Edgar J.  
Gurganus.

It is a pleasure always to know that citizens of our  
State appreciate the dedicated work of government leaders.  
There is no doubt that our nation and State are leaders in the  
quest of just government and there is no doubt that gentlemen  
such as Senator Gurganus have made this position a reality.

Thank you again for writing me.

With best wishes always;

Sincerely,

  
Terry Sanford

TERRY SANFORD



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Congratulations!

Terry Sanford

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## Gurganus Named Jaycee Director

Edgar J. Gurganus, local attorney, and the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce were doubly honored this past weekend at the State Convention of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce in Raleigh, N. C. Climaxing two days and nights of strong campaigning by the local Jaycees, Edgar Gurganus was elected to the office of Director of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce from North Carolina. Saturday afternoon in the Hall of the House of Representatives of the State Capitol. With some 500 Jaycees participating in the election, "Red", as he is better known by the Jaycees in the State, led the voting of all officers elected, being the first Jaycee to hold the high position from a Town as small as Williamston.

The second honor came during the Inaugural Banquet Saturday night in the Memorial Auditorium when Edgar was presented the Cou Browne Trophy Award as the "Outstanding State Vice-President" of the ten that served during the past year. The presentation was made by Jimmy Wallace, retiring National Director from Morehead City, N. C.

As National Director, Edgar will serve on the National Board at its June meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, its August meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and its next June meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to his duties on the National level he will serve on the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Jaycees during the coming year.—L. Sidney Christian

## The State School Bond Proposal

To the Editor: The recent editorial-page articles by Charles Clay concerning the \$100 million State school bond proposal make some erroneous assumptions about taxation and about the ability of counties to finance school building needs.

First of all, the articles suggest that some counties would receive less from the bond issue than they would have to pay in State taxes for debt service. Wake County according to the articles, would receive \$3,382,743, and would have to pay \$7,294,385. This assumes that the people of Wake would pay the latter amount, and this simply is not true.

It may be that the latter amount would be collected in Wake County, but it would be collected from people from all over the State who buy things in Wake County and thus who pay sales taxes in Wake County; and from people all over the State who buy things produced in Wake County and thus who provide taxable income to people and firms in Wake County.

If a person in Franklin County buys a suit in Raleigh, whose sales tax money is it? Wake's or Franklin's? And if he buys something made in Raleigh, increasing the profits of the Wake County manufacturer, is this solely Wake County's money? The answer is obvious.

The same is true of all the counties that would, according to Mr. Clay, pay more than they would receive. They are all commercial and industrial centers. People in those counties sell to people over a wide geographic area. And the profits are made over a wide geographic area. It is not correct to say, therefore, that the people in the larger counties, and they alone, are paying the taxes. All the people of the State are bearing the burden in a variety of ways.

Second, the articles suggest that some counties have not been bearing their share of the school construction burden. Periodically this al-

legation is made, but strangely enough, no specific county is ever identified. When I hear of a county that supposedly is not bearing its share, my own investigation invariably turns up another problem that had been conveniently overlooked—a high debt service burden, a welfare burden, a hospital burden, or some other burden that diminishes the country's ability to build schools.

School officials estimate that over \$400 million in school construction is needed in the next five years. Counties just cannot double property taxes for school construction, and so some State help is needed.

Small counties are dependent on property taxes on agricultural land. With the farm economy in the shape it is in, farmers cannot bear substantial increases in taxes on this land. Larger counties have rapidly expanding school population, and most of them have recently increased property taxes to try to keep up with school needs. They cannot double existing taxes for school construction without imposing too great a burden on their existing tax base.

Therefore, if North Carolina is to build the schools that are needed, counties will need some help. A State bond issue will not diminish county effort. It did not do so in 1949 and 1953, when some State help was provided. Rather, a State school bond issue will enable counties to combine State and county funds to meet school building needs.

Your editorial of Aug. 25 criticizes county commissioners for simultaneously demanding home rule and endorsing the school bond proposal. Home rule is meaningless, if the local decision cannot be financed properly. County officials want to decide things at home. But they cannot do so if their only source of revenue is taxes on property. To have real home rule, counties need broader and more productive tax sources. A school bond issue, repaid from State tax sources, is one way to help counties meet local needs.

JOHN ALEXANDER McMAHON.  
General Counsel  
North Carolina Association of  
County Commissioners  
Chapel Hill



Sen. Gurganus

### BONDS REPORTED

Bills for big bond issues for highways and schools, approved Wednesday by the Senate Finance Committee, were reported to the Senate floor. Stone placed the \$200 million road bond bill on the calendar, but sent the measure for \$100 million in school bonds to the Appropriations Committee. If approved by the legislature, both issues would have to be submitted to a vote of the people.

Sen. Edgar Gurganus of Martin, sponsor of the school-bond bill, said he thought it should be placed on the calendar, too. However, he declined to challenge Stone's ruling that it go to the appropriations committee.

The Senate passed a safety-check bill for motor vehicles with provisions somewhat more stringent than the House Bill. Had the House approved its measures, differences likely could have been worked out.

The House did not to the proposal continued the line of rejections since a program enacted in 1947 proved so unpopular it was repealed in 1949. Since then, lawmakers have remained deaf to pleas for an inspection program as an aid to highway safety.





Sen. Gurganus

# School Bond Bill Changed, Okayed

The Virginian-Pilot, Thursday, June 20, 1963

By ROBERT M. HAGER

Virginian-Pilot Raleigh Correspondent

RALEIGH — The General Assembly Wednesday enacted legislation for a \$100 million statewide school bond referendum, after Martin County Sen. Edgar Gurganus engineered last minute changes he felt would "spell the difference between passage and defeat at the hands of the electorate." The statewide referendum is to be held sometime before 1965, at the discretion of Gov. Sanford and the Council of State. There were strong indications the governor's office would support a statewide effort to gain public approval for the bonds, after carefully maintaining a "hands off" position during legislative debate. There were also indications the governor will ask for the vote before this year ends.

After a full night's campaigning, Gurganus was able to strike provisions from the bill Wednesday which would have allowed county commissioners to use their portion of the bond issue receipts to pay off debts for prior local school bond issues, rather than using the funds to construct new schools. The Martin senator said he "could not, in good conscience, go to the people and ask them to vote for the bond issue with that provision."

## SPECIAL PERMISSION

Under the measure as enacted, the State Board of Education is the sole authority for granting "special permission" to individual counties who can demonstrate their local school needs are up to date, and wish to use their portion of the state aid to pay off back school debts.

Until Wednesday, the Legislature had been unwilling to accept the change, but Gurganus estimated he buttonholed 11 lawmakers personally Tuesday night, while others working with Gurganus spoke to nearly as many. House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Britt was chosen to push the change through the House. Britt, until Tuesday night, had been unconvinced on the advisability of the change.

Following House adoption of the change, the measure was rushed across the rotunda where the Senate, despite the known opposition of powerful Lenoir County Sen. Thomas J. White, enacted the measure on an overwhelming voice vote.

Final passage of the school bond legislation represented a triumph for Gurganus.

"You can say I'm happy, because for three months I've fought this thing night and day," Gurganus said, "and we had some mighty tight squeaks."

## EARLY TROUBLE

The closest call came in the Senate Finance Committee, weeks ago, when the measure passed 10-9. At first, Finance Committee Chairman Jimmy V. Johnson counted a 10-10 tie and indicated he would cast his own tie-breaking vote to defeat the bond issue. But when a recount was asked, a 10-9 vote for a "favorable report" was verified.

Gurganus was not a member of the committee, but had attended every meeting for fear the bond issue bill might be called up at any time.

Regarding Wednesday's change over bonded indebtedness, Gurganus said he felt — after a full night's work — that supporters of the change had the votes: "I had the feeling we were all right and were on solid ground, but we could never be certain until the vote came."

In other General Assembly action.

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ROCKY MOUNT MEN GREET KEFAUVER — George Lewis (left) and Edgar J. Gurganus (right) of Rocky Mount are shown with Senator Estes Kefauver (center) after his arrival at Raleigh-Durham Airport late Thursday afternoon before being escorted to Rocky Mount for a Jaycee Awards Night address. He will speak at Wake Forest this morning and address a Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in Catawba County tonight. (Staff Photo by Ken Cooke).

## At Rocky Mount:

## Kefauver Jaycee

Laws are the backbone of the Nation,  
Every human being they touch;  
Grown people and children alike,  
Inescapable in their clutch.  
Sober, conscientious men are chosen,  
Laws to be adopted is their job;  
Anxieties of many many peoples,  
To satisfy by union rather than by mob.  
Urgent legislation to be passed,  
Rules to be made;  
Existence of man to be steadied, never to face.

Presumably written by Edgar J. Gurganus, as he had written others in this style.





Sen. Gurganus



Sen. Midgett

## 2nd District Split Opposed

By DAVE MILLIGAN

Virginian-Pilot Correspondent

WASHINGTON, N.C. — A proposal to split North Carolina's 2nd Senatorial District drew opposition here Tuesday from R. P. MacKenzie Jr., chairman of the Beaufort County Democratic Executive Committee. MacKenzie and other Democratic leaders here said that a move is on foot in the General Assembly to split the seven-county district, giving one senator to Beaufort, Hyde and Pamlico counties in one district, and one senator to Martin, Washington, Dare and Tyrrell in another district.

Currently, Sen. P. D. Midgett of Hyde County and Sen. Edgar Gurganus of Martin County represent the district.

### ROTATION SYSTEM

Under an unwritten agreement a rotation system has been in effect for many years whereby no county in the district has a senator for more than two consecutive terms. Under terms of the agreement, Beaufort County is entitled

to have a senator in 1964, but the unwritten agreement would fall by the wayside in the event of a split, MacKenzie said.

There is also strong speculation that Craven County would be added to one of the two new districts formed by the split, and, MacKenzie said, Democratic leaders in a number of the seven district counties have expressed opposition to the move.

If the split should take place, under present population count the Beaufort-Hyde-Pamlico district would have 53,000 people; and the Martin-Washington-Tyrrell-Dare district would have 51,000 people.

### Under the DOME

**AGREEMENT** — Both men had served in the Senate prior to the 1966 election, when Gurganus reportedly agreed to let Futrell seek a second straight term in return for Futrell's promise that he would step aside for Gurganus two years later.

However, after the 1969 session, sources report, a difference of opinion developed as to what was said in the "gentlemen's agreement" about the 1971 session. Gurganus contends he made no promises beyond 1969, while Futrell thinks it was agreed that it would be his turn again.

Gurganus is a Williamston lawyer. Futrell publishes a newspaper in Washington, N.C.

## 1-Vote Margin Favors Bonds

By Virginian-Pilot Raleigh Correspondent

RALEIGH—A close vote in the Senate Finance Committee Wednesday kept alive hopes for a \$100 million school bond issue, proposed by Sens. Edgar Gurganus of Martin and David Clark of Lincoln.

The committee had just accepted a report of one subcommittee killing off 11 different tax relief measures and had been given for consideration report of another recommending that the school bond proposal and a \$200 million road bond issue be postponed indefinitely, a legislative device that would have meant the end of the bills.

Cartaret Sen. Luther Hamilton made a substitute motion that the school bond bill be given a favorable report and it carried on a vote of 10-9.

A similar move rescued the road bond bill from the grave, but the tax relief bills, including those proposed by Gov. Terry Sanford went down the drain.

CLOSE CASE

## School Bonds to Subgroup

The Senate Finance Committee in a surprise move Wednesday sent a \$100 million school bond bill off to a subcommittee, apparently killing the proposal for this session of the General Assembly.

Sponsors of the bill, Martin Sen. Edgar Gurganus and Lincoln Sen. Dave Clark were both present and caught completely off guard. They failed in a last-minute plea to change the committee's mind.

"I don't know what happened. I had a majority of five members on that committee supporting my bill. . . They've just killed my bill, that's what they've done," Gurganus said.

Goes to Johnston.

After the committee action, Gurganus rushed up to Johnston Sen. Adam J. Whitely, one of the committee members he mistakenly thought would vote to give the measure a favorable report, thus sending it on to the Joint Appropriations Committee.

"I thought you were for my bill," Gurganus said.

"I'm for your bill, but I'm for the road bond bill too. And I want to see both of them get out together," Whitely replied.

Gurganus' bill went to a subcommittee along with the \$200 million road bond bill and a food tax diversion bill introduced by Guilford Sen. Charles W. Strong, a Republican.

The committee's action turned on groundwork laid by Cleveland Sen. Robert Morgan, introducer of the road bond measure.

All Bond Bills.

Boore discussion of the school bill, Iredell Sen. Jimmy V. Johnson said he had "agreed with Sen. Morgan that we will take up all bond bills today, not just the school bill."

Robeson Sen. Hector McLean moved that both bond bills and the Republican sales tax measure go to a subcommittee for further study saying, "I don't think many of us have had a chance to go into them carefully."

Sen. Staton P. Williams of Stanley County opposed the move arguing that "both of these bond bills have been around long enough to have children."

Morgan backed the subcommittee idea. "When it comes down to bond bills they ought to be studied together. . . I don't want to give one of these bills preferential treatment," he said.

Bot Gurganus and Clark were allowed to make brief statements aimed at saving the school bond measure, though neither are members of the committee.

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## Lighter Marijuana Penalty Approved

The House Judiciary I Committee quickly gave its approval Wednesday to a bill to lighten the punishment for possession of a gram or less of marijuana and to clamp down on gluesniffing.

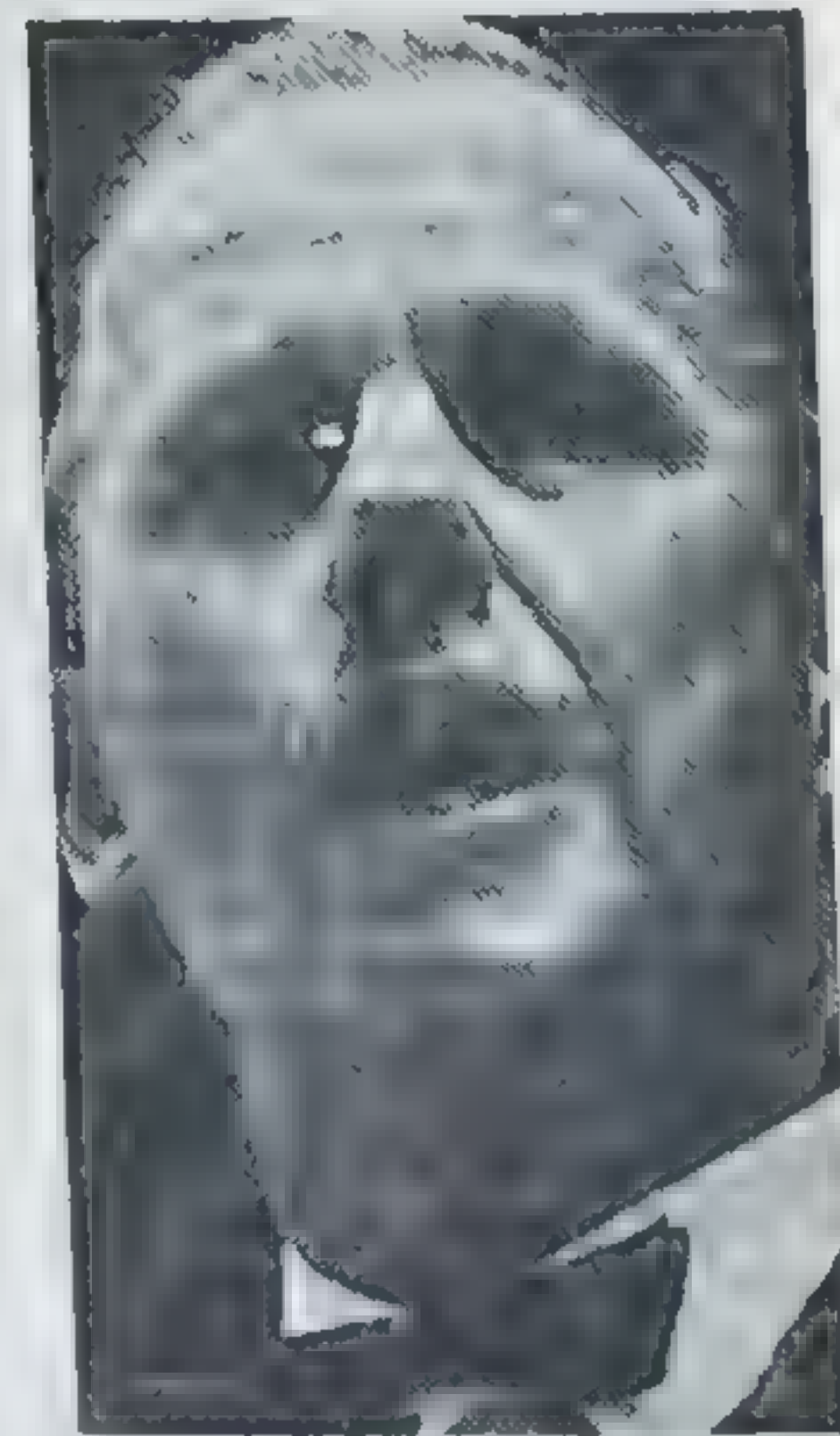
The committee voted a favorable report to the Senate-passed measure after it was explained by Sen. Edgar Gurganus, D-Martin, one of its sponsors.

The bill would make the first offense of punishment for possession of a gram or less of Marijuana a misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison. This is now a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Gurganus said the bill has the backing of judges, the attorney general and the State Bureau of Investigation.

"They thought the present law is too harsh and this is hurting enforcement because of the failure to get convictions," Gurganus said.

He told the committee that at Wilmington "nine young boys were carried into court" on charges of possessing



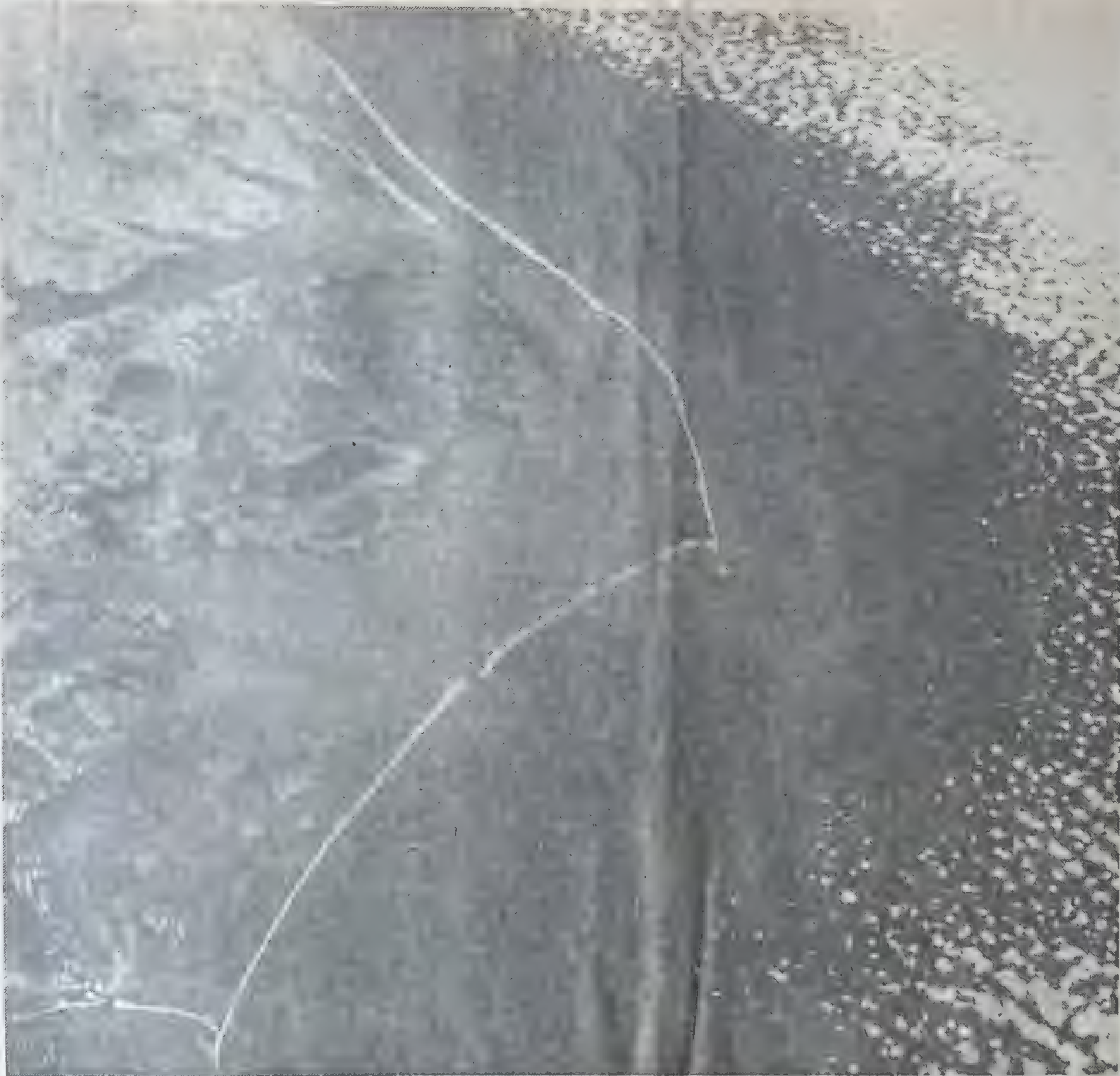
Sen. Gurganus

marijuana. He said they were "just a bunch of kids out for kicks."

"The judge refused to convict these boys of a felony that would take away their citizenship," Gurganus said. "Instead he took a plea of guilty of trespass."

Other provisions of the bill would tighten up the state's narcotic laws. It would make glue-sniffing or possession or sale of glue for sniffing purposes a misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison.





## Apollo 9 View of the Outer Banks

The Outer Banks from below Cape Fear to the southern corner of Virginia Beach was photographed by the crew of the Apollo 9. In the center is Cape Hatteras. The Pamlico Sound lies at left center, and at upper left the Chowan River leads into the Albemarle Lake Drummond and the Deep Creek Locks on the Dismal Swamp Canal can be seen in the extreme top left. (AP)

## Democratic Primary Vote for District-County Offices May 26

|                | SOLICITOR |           | STATE SENATE |          |       | SHERIFF |        | COUNTY COMMISSIONERS |         |         |                     |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-------|---------|--------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|
|                | Holdford  | Daught'ge | Midgette     | Gurganus | Owens | Rawls   | Stalls | W'mston.-Pop. Pt.    | Thigpen | Johnson | Ham.-G. Nest Sledge |
| Jamesville     | 117       | 103       | 94           | 221      | 69    | 229     | 41     | 157                  | 81      | 147     | 74                  |
| Williams       | 51        | 27        | 13           | 85       | 18    | 89      | 14     | 49                   | 46      | 58      | 30                  |
| Griffins       | 51        | 83        | 69           | 148      | 53    | 196     | 12     | 135                  | 56      | 119     | 78                  |
| Bear Grass     | 113       | 63        | 62           | 182      | 45    | 204     | 22     | 123                  | 69      | 108     | 80                  |
| Williamston I  | 246       | 190       | 156          | 413      | 118   | 409     | 64     | 183                  | 279     | 250     | 176                 |
| Williamston II | 438       | 283       | 283          | 675      | 172   | 673     | 74     | 247                  | 479     | 391     | 302                 |
| Cross Roads    | 54        | 35        | 32           | 97       | 24    | 114     | 11     | 44                   | 61      | 41      | 59                  |
| Robersonville  | 260       | 102       | 185          | 323      | 86    | 309     | 94     | 215                  | 144     | 259     | 121                 |
| Gold Point     | 35        | 15        | 20           | 56       | 10    | 52      | 12     | 27                   | 23      | 43      | 16                  |
| Poplar Point   | 54        | 34        | 30           | 101      | 45    | 98      | 11     | 30                   | 64      | 76      | 29                  |
| Hassell        | 39        | 38        | 34           | 79       | 26    | 22      | 79     | 22                   | 46      | 64      | 33                  |
| Hamilton       | 137       | 40        | 85           | 157      | 35    | 161     | 57     | 104                  | 62      | 208     | 11                  |
| Goose Nest     | 109       | 104       | 62           | 236      | 32    | 210     | 68     | 70                   | 110     | 27      | 260                 |
| Totals         | 1704      | 1117      | 1125         | 2773     | 733   | 2766    | 559    | 1406                 | 1520    | 1791    | 1269                |





**RIBBON CUTTING** — Officially opening the second annual Hyde County Jaycee Farm day last Saturday, Miss Betty Lou Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis L. Wilson of Engelhard, cuts the ribbon. Helping hold the ribbon are Burk Neeley (left), past president of the Mattamuskeet Jaycees, and President

Roger Spencer. Standing behind (left to right) are Area Jaycee Vice President Jim Jenkins; Bill Hobbs, Jaycee national director, member of the Forest City Jaycees and N. C. Jaycee Western Division head; and State Senator Edgar J. Gurganus of Williamston.

## Second Annual Farm Day For Hyde Held on Saturday

The second annual Hyde County Farm Day, sponsored by the Mattamuskeet Jaycees and Jaycettes, drew several hundred people to the Mattamuskeet school last Saturday for the festivities, exhibits, games, prizes and fun.

Opening ceremonies started at 11 a.m. with the ribbon cutting by Miss Betty Lou Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis L. Wilson of Engelhard, followed by a few remarks by Mattamuskeet Jaycee President Roger Spencer and past President Burk Neely.

Events which drew visitors throughout the day-long affair included an art and crafts

show by Hyde county artists and craftsmen in the school gymnasium, an outside exhibit of farm equipment, machinery, trucks and autos, a "dump the Jaycee" game and refreshment stands in the midway area, a drawing for numerous prizes donated by local merchants, a barbecue supper in the evening, and a fireworks display.

The size and completeness of the affair indicated extensive preparation and paid tribute to the effectiveness and hard work of the young but highly active Mattamuskeet Jaycee and Jaycette organization.

More pictures of the event may be found on Page 8.



Mr. and Mrs. John Cecil Beasley

## Surprise Dinner Fetes Beasleys On Anniversary

**WILLIAMSTON** — A surprise dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant in Williamston honored Mr. and Mrs. John Cecil Beasley of Colerain on their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 3.

The luncheon was given by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Beasley of Colerain and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Gurganus of Williamston. Grandchildren attending were Miss Camille Beasley, Lewis Carroll Beasley, Ed and Ray Gurganus.

Other family members attending were Mrs. E. T. Forehand, Colerain; Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Morris, Ft.

Lauderdale, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Morris, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morris, Norfolk; Mrs. M. R. Montague Sr., Windsor; Mrs. Clarence W. Beasley, Colerain; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Beasley, Baltimore; Mrs. Charles West Hughes, Ahoskie. An additional guest was Charles Taylor Spruill of Windsor.

**Birthdays**

JANUARY 14  
Phyllis Williams  
McGaw, Jon Powell  
Byrd, Ray

### Chairman



Senator Edgar J. Gurganus has been named chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Corrections, it was announced by Governor Robt. Scott this week.

The popular Williamston attorney who is serving his second term in the State Senate, has served as a member of the State Board of Corrections since 1958. First appointed by Governor Luther Hodges to membership on the board, Gurganus has served three successive governors, Sanford, Moore and Scott.

It is understood that the new position carries no salary, just per diem allowances. He'll be in Raleigh about once a month, meeting quarterly with the full board.

Names by Hector McKeachy, president pro-tem of the State Senate, Gurganus left yesterday to attend the national conference of State Legislative leaders from all fifty states in Atlanta. He plans to return Saturday.

The News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C., Wed.

### Lawyer named to commission

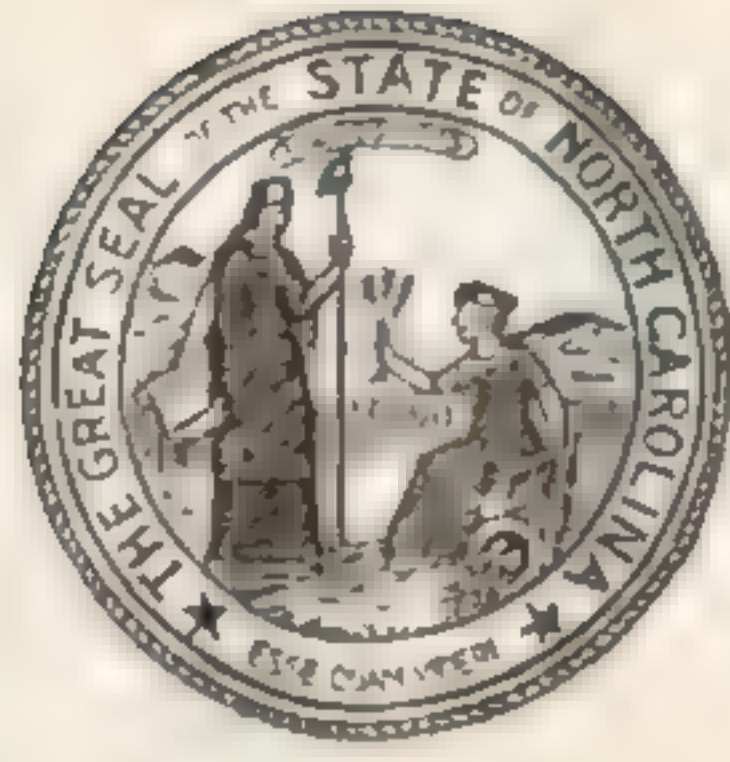
Edgar J. "Red" Gurganus, a Williamston attorney, has been appointed chairman of the N.C. Inmate Grievance Commission by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.

Gurganus replaces Walter Johnson of Greensboro, who has been named chairman of the State Paroles Commission by Hunt.

Gurganus is a partner in the law firm of Gurganus and Bowen. He was a state senator from 1963 to 1969 and is a past president of the N.C. Jaycees and the Williamston Rotary Club.

The commission consists of five members appointed by the governor to four-year terms. It handles grievances or complaints from inmates in the state prison system.





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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

RALEIGH 27602

ROBERT W. SCOTT  
GOVERNOR

June 26, 1969

Senator Edgar J. Gurganus  
State Legislative Building  
Room 2115  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Red:

Thank you for your vote yesterday on the Revenue Bill. Your support was very much needed and appreciated.

I hope I can count on your continued support today on final passage of the Bill without any amendments.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Rob", enclosed within a large, loopy oval.

Robert W. Scott



# The Bureaucrats And The Politicians

By BRYAN HANSLIP

RALEIGH — The legislator and the state official work for the same boss, often side by side but still poles apart.

The citizen lawmaker finds state government in Raleigh complex and baffling, particularly on first acquaintance. It's easy for him to see agency heads as bureaucrats more intent on structure than service.

The career office holder has learned caution while the legislature is in town and making up the budget. He looks upon General Assembly members as politicians without an understanding of the machinery of government and how it works.

"It's two different worlds," agreed Edgar J. (Red) Gurganus who has been on the former side and now is on the latter.

He walks the line between the two, easing the flow of communication to make for a smoother partnership during the 71 General Assembly session.

The red-haired Williamston attorney wears the title of legislative liaison officer for state government. His sub-basement office in the Department of Administration building is the conduit for information from the maze of state government departments and agencies to individual legislators.

## Filling A Need

The job is new. The wonder is it hasn't been done before. "I was certainly aware of the need when I was in the State Senate," said Gurganus.

"You don't have time for research when you're in the legislature. If you have a question about some aspect of state government, you're not sure where or who to call. Sometimes response is slow, and when you get an answer it may seem the department has put it in the most favorable light to itself."

Gurganus' role is intermediary. Legislators give him their requests; he routes them properly and sees that the information gets back promptly and in the form the lawmaker wanted.

Liaison doesn't mean lobbyist in his case, Gurganus said. Dr. William Turner, director of administration, made it clear that the position is to serve the legislators without bias or partisanship, he explained.

"What I am doing would lose its value if misleading or slanted information were given," he said.

## Good Cooperation Noted

Turner notified all state agencies and departments that cooperation would be expected in the new undertaking. It's been 100 per cent, Gurganus said. "In fact, I think state officials

generally have been glad to have a channel like this to reach the General Assembly," he added. "On several occasions, I've had them ask me to help clear up some simple misunderstandings with individual legislators."

Gurganus sent a memo to every General Assembly member at the start of the session, offering services of the office. Even so, it took time for them to find him. Now, two months along, word-of-mouth has spread and he stays busy.

He consulted a tally sheet and reported that requests from 67 different legislators have been handled. One hour spent recently in the State Legislative Building resulted in five separate queries to be followed up, he said.

Some requests can be handled routinely and rapidly. Others take time and digging. There are those which run into a blank space.

## Abortion Question Raised

For example, when the House was considering legislation dealing with abortion, a Representative asked Gurganus how many were performed in North Carolina last year, where and for what reasons.

"I thought it would be simple to check with the State Board of Health which receives reports of births, deaths and other vital

statistics," Gurganus said. "To my surprise, I learned there is no law requiring that abortions be reported."

The 1,030 abortions reported in 1969 represented only voluntary reports, the majority from one hospital. After consultation, Gurganus estimated it was 30 to 35 per cent of the total.

Life for Gurganus these days runs on the same track it followed when he was in the '63 and '69 sessions from the Second Senate District. He goes home Friday for weekend law practice, gets back to Raleigh in time to begin another week Tuesday morning. He puts up at a Raleigh motel where nearly half of the General Assembly membership is in residence, which means after hours socializing with legislative friends and keeping up with what's going on.

For all its stress, the legislative service appeals to Gurganus. He lost a Democratic primary battle in 1969 to Senator Ashley Futrell of Washington. There's little doubt he'll be in the running again in the future.

The legislative liaison post keeps him on the scene, and involved in the process although one step removed.

"This time, I'm serving the people who are serving the people," he said.

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### Ex-Senator's New Job

## A Liaison and a Smoother of Feathers

By HARRY STAPLETON

Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

RALEIGH—Former State Sen. Edgar Gurganus sometimes finds himself in the position of being the bridge over the troubled waters that spring up between the politicians in the General Assembly and the employees in the Department of Administration.

"Not often, but there have been personality clashes between the head of a department and a General Assembly member and I try to soothe a few ruffled feathers," said the Williamston attorney.

But Gurganus' primary function is to serve the members of the General Assembly as liaison between the legislature and the state's 317 governmental departments and agencies.

"My purpose is to serve the members of the General Assembly," Gurganus said of his new office, created by the 1969 legisla-

ture and in operation for the first time during this session.

New members of the General Assembly are unfamiliar with the operations of all these agencies and even veteran lawmakers do not have the time to track down information which might be needed in a new statute or as an argument against proposed measure.

"All they have to do is call me—just call me and forget it," Gurganus said.

"I've had a very good response. I think it has been a good service to the General Assembly and to the Department of Administration."

In tracking down the information for the legislators, Gurganus has acquired a knowledge of all branches of government beyond his scope while serving as a state senator from Martin County.

"I've learned a lot about state

government," he said. "It's been an education for me."

Even from his basement office in the Department of Administration, Gurganus can keep track of the trends in the General Assembly, a short walk away, by the inquiries which come into his office.

"This time, I've had numerous inquiries on higher education, costs and so on," he said, an indication of the verbal battle being waged over restructuring the state's higher education system.

And there was the time a legislator asked Gurganus to find the two highway patrolmen with the highest number of citations issued and bring them to Raleigh.

Neither Gurganus nor the troopers knew what to expect when they confronted a dozen or more lawmakers.

"But all they wanted was information from the officers on how best to improve the state's traffic

laws," Gurganus said. "It was a good session."

After serving two terms in the Senate, Gurganus sometimes finds it "a difficult thing for me to stay out of the arguments," when legislators gather after hours. And sometimes I give them my opinion.

"But now it's my job to furnish information to the General Assembly members and they can do what they want with it."

He finds it ironic that some of the information he provides is used in bills he doesn't particularly agree with.

"But unless there is implicit faith in the information I supply then the office will become useless."

Gurganus also provides a service to the Department of Administration, making information available to the legislators on budget requests and statutes which government agencies would like to see clarified.

"I'm trying to cement a partnership between the General Assembly and the Department of Administration," he said.

Gurganus got the call to consider the new job from Department of Administration Director W. L. Turner after the former senator was beaten in the 1969 Democratic primary by Ashley Futrell of Washington, a contest that resulted from an apparent misunderstanding over whether it was Beaufort or Martin County's turn to put up a Democratic candidate.

Losing was made easier for him even before the election," Gurganus said, when one of his two children told him: "Daddy, if you don't win, Mama and I will be winners because you'll be home more."

"Mama" is the former Ann Beasley of Colerain, the Bertie County girl Gurganus married when he was 39.

"If I'd had the sense, I would

have married her 10 years earlier," Gurganus said.

After the primary defeat, he prepared to devote himself to his law practice and his golf game and "really enjoy myself," when the liaison position was offered.

Now he has weekends to catch up on his office work and Monday mornings to get in his courtroom sessions before returning to Raleigh.

I may have lost some business from people who needed immediate attention," he said, "but that happened when I was serving in the Senate, too."

Gurganus' contract in the liaison office runs through this session of the General Assembly.

Although the office was established as a permanent position, Gurganus said that there is a movement within the legislature for the General Assembly to establish its own research staff, leaving the future of the office in some doubt.



Virginian-Pilot Photo by Harry Stapleton

Gurganus

## Senator Would Redistrict, Swat Traffic Law 'Bugs'

By CHARLES BOND

Virginian-Pilot Correspondent

WILLIAMSTON, N.C. — His term as president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce and his experience as an attorney have given freshman Sen. Edgar J. Gurganus definite views on two subjects likely to come up in this year's General Assembly.

Gurganus, one of two senators from the seven-county 2nd Senatorial District, expects redistricting to be at the forefront of Assembly consideration. And he said, he has found some "bugs" in the state's point penalty system under which habitual traffic violators bear the burden of automobile insurance costs.

Gurganus traveled the state's 100 counties as state Jaycee president in 1955-56. It helped him realize the importance of the redistricting issue.

"That is something that has to be done," he said. "Although the mechanics will have to be worked out and may take a

long time, I'm for doing it and not leaving it for the court to pressure us to do it. The constitution makes it our duty."

### UNWRITTEN RULE

Gurganus said there is no telling what the redistricting may do to the present senatorial district. An unwritten rule provided that Beaufort or Martin, or the five counties of Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, Pamlico and Washington, take turns in providing the two senators for the district. P. D. Midgett of Engelhard in Hyde, one of the five, is the other senator. Gurganus of Williamston in Martin succeeds Sen. Lindsay C. Warren who served Beaufort's two turns at the senatorial seat.

Gurganus is solidly behind the state's traffic point system. But he believes there are bugs in the present setup that definitely need correcting.

Assume, he said, that one is driving a Cadillac for which the insurance is \$200 a year. A child darts into the side of the car and is injured or killed.

Peace officers investigate and either a coroner or a magistrate holds that there is no criminal liability.

But the insurance carrier sends an adjuster who decides that a civil damage claim should be paid although he does not hold it was the driver's fault.

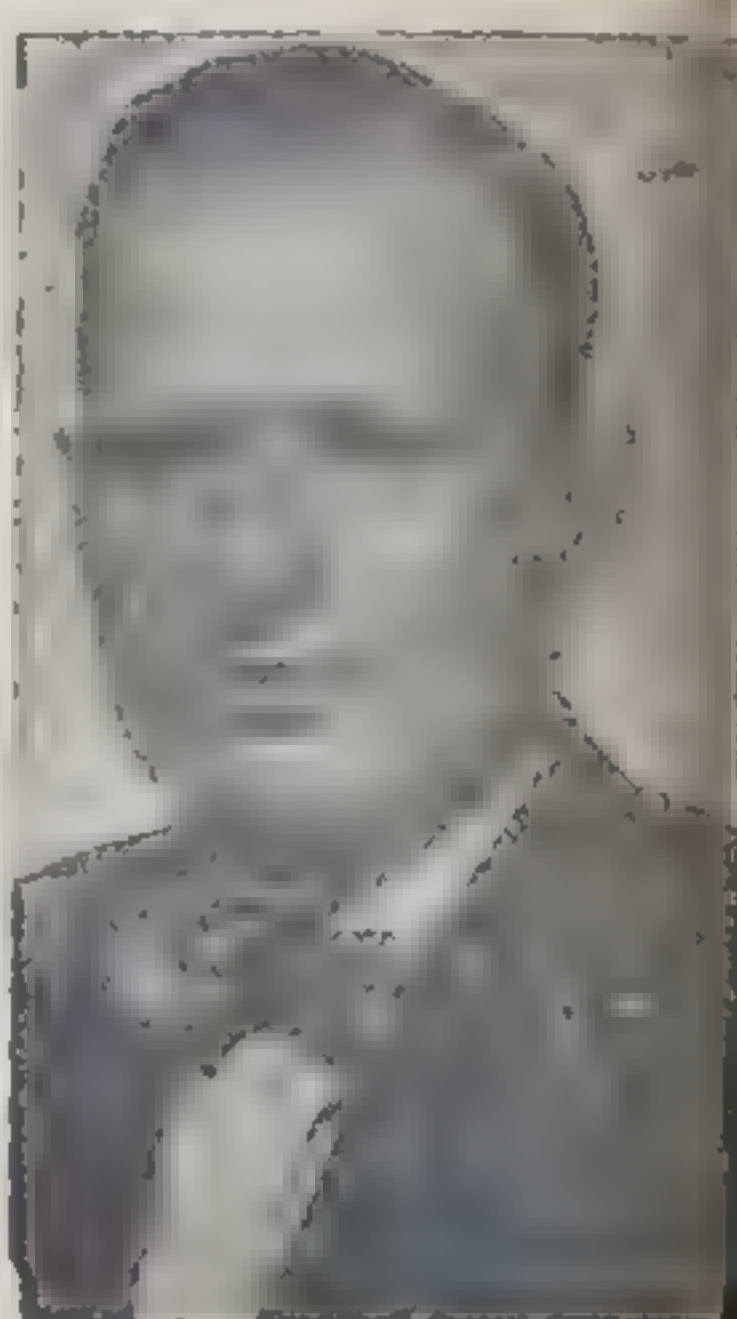
### ELIMINATE DISCOUNT

"That would be a chargeable point that would eliminate the 10 per cent safety discount in insurance and also add 5 per cent penalty to the premium for three years. It would cost the automobile owner \$90 more for insurance for the three years."

Also, Gurganus pointed out, there have to be two offenses for speeding under 55 miles per hour for a point to be charged but only one offense for speeding above 55 m.p.h. Thus one could drive 55 m.p.h. in a 20-mile zone and not be charged a point but would get a point for driving 56 miles in a 55 m.p.h. zone. This he contends is incongruous with the intent

of rewarding the careful or prudent driver and making the careless driver bear the insurance cost.

He also said that there had been evidence of some companies abusing the system by add-



Sen. Gurganus

ing points arbitrarily. "Revisions in the system are definitely needed," he said.

He has heard many proposals for restricting the driving of 16- to 18-year-olds, who constitute 6 per cent of the licensed drivers and account for 14 per cent of the accidents.

### FULLER STUDY

Pending fuller study, he liked the suggestion made by a group of high school students in Raleigh — that a license be issued at 16 and that upon conviction of two offenses, to be spelled out later, the license be revoked till 18.

"The biggest problem of teenage drivers is the parents," he said. "Parents uphold their children in violations and I have even seen them come in court and perjure themselves. I don't see how one can expect teenagers to be responsible under such circumstances."

The freshman senator is not looking for a fight on the sales tax. "I am sure that the Democrats in hotly contested areas

will try to make an issue and that the Republican contingent will. The sales tax, however, has been widely accepted by the people of North Carolina and is one of the most equitable taxes. I see no need for additional taxes. If it should ever come to the place we could reduce taxes, I would rather see the reduction come from the income rather than the sales tax."

### BETTER EDUCATION

In the legislature, he said, it is likely everyone will be for improvement in higher education. On the study commission recommendation for 14 additional community colleges in the state he foresees these considerations:

Will the community colleges be terminal or will they prepare students to enter at the junior year of higher institutions?

Will their cost be prohibitive? Gurganus admitted the answers already may be in some of the voluminous reports and briefings he has not yet had the opportunity to study. "I have

been working 16 to 18 hours a day trying to get my law practice caught up so I can go to Raleigh."

On the court reform voted in a constitutional amendment, Gurganus said:

I should hope that a start will be made. It will take eight hard years to work out all the details, and the sooner we get started, the easier it will be. The constitutional amendment gives us, 1971 for the amendment to be fully implemented.

### BASKETBALL VIEWS

"I'm reinstating the Dixie Classic basketball tournament," he said. "I've been to a lot of them. It was a great drawing card for the state and a fine athletic event. I regret that a few unfortunate instances forced its closing."

The fact that Gov. Terry Sanford will be in his last two years as governor will not lessen his leadership, Gurganus said. He will have as strong leadership as ever, if not stronger," Gurganus said.

Gurganus was 42 Jan. 15. He got his bachelor of law degree from Wake Forest one January, passed the bar the next month and went into the Army in March. He rose to staff sergeant before returning home to begin law practice in April 1947.

He is married to the former Miss Anne Beasley of Colerain and they have a son, Edgar J. Gurganus Jr.

He was appointed in 1957 by Gov. Luther Hodges to the North Carolina Prison Commission and reappointed by Sanford. The state's attorney's general office has ruled he won't have to give up the commission seat because of being in the Senate.

He is a past president of Williamston Rotary and a past governor of the Moose lodge. He held every office in the Williamston Jaycees and about every office in the state organization. He is a member of the Methodist Church and an associate lay reader for Rocky Mount District.

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# North Carolina Today

BY

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# Fund Raising Pains Of N.C. Democrats

CAROLINA STATEHOUSE by Arthur B. Johnsey

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FUND-RAISING for North Carolina Democrats has become a strained exercise in political courage in the aftermath of their failure to carry the state with Hubert H. Humphrey at the head of the ticket.

Humphrey's total vote fell below both Richard Nixon's and George Wallace's in Tarheelia in 1968.

During the first year of the Nixon administration North Carolina Democrats have found many formerly good sources of political war chests quickly evaporated.

The party is depending more heavily than at any other recent times upon its party-sponsored fund-raising rallies and less on the big contributors' checks.

However, some of the party rallies are beginning to call for sizeable contributions.

For one such event, a Democratic gala in Charlotte February 4, the Democrats will bring in Hubert Humphrey once more.



Edgar J. Gurganus

In advance of the gala, an informal dinner has been planned at which former Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges and Senator B. Everett Jordan will

entertain the party's larger contributors. It's a \$250 a plate affair for those who usually have contributed to the party nationally.

Humphrey will speak briefly at the \$10-per-plate fund raising gala to be staged later that evening by the Mecklenburg County party. Mecklenburg County was one of the state's urban centers where Humphrey had outdistanced Wallace by as much as three to two.

While Democrats are straining at the task of raising campaign funds, the Republicans are finding offers of support comparatively easy to obtain, sources here report.

DEMOCRATS in the state's Eastern counties, where GOP opposition has subsisted on slim fare, are expecting full slates to oppose them for legislative positions.

"They haven't announced, but we keep hearing that opposition in the general election will appear," says Ashley Futrell, former state senator and Washington, N.C., newspaper publisher observes.

Futrell's own prospective race against State Senator Edgar J. Gurganus of Williamston, if it occurs, will be one of the East's most hard-fought Democratic primary contests.

Both of these state senate veterans say they are seriously considering running from the five-county district, (Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Martin and Tyrrell counties) and their friends say both probably will run.

So far, the Republicans haven't showed their hands, but in some of the eastern counties the possibility appears substantial that former Democrats, feeling alienated by national party trends, will take over some of the GOP's candidate responsibilities.

While the Democrats will make gestures toward the youthful voter by revising the party structure to accommodate more young people in leadership positions, the Republican party is making very practical use of its new-found patronage powers to do the same for itself.

The GOP's resigned executive director, just leaving for a new position on the staff of the National Republican Governors' Association, emphasized that the party's choices of appointees for district management roles in the 1970 census shows a youthful flavor.

Ten census districts are being established, slightly larger than congressional districts in area. Of six district managers cho-



Ashley B. Futrell

sen primarily through the state party headquarters, the oldest is in his early 40's and five are in the 20 to 35 year range. Of four others chosen by Republican congressmen three are in their early 30's or younger.

In spite of the Democrats' new dependence, state-wide, on youth and minority elements for their party's growth, the party is looking toward a return of some of its veterans to rescue it from troubles in the mountain counties.

Buncombe County Manager Gordon Greenwood, a onetime appropriations committee chairman in the House, and a key political leader in his region, is being urged by some Democrats to prepare for the race for lieutenant governor in 1972.

Greenwood has resisted appeals to come to the State Senate in 1971 as a part of the preparation. His term as county manager in Buncombe would have to be cut short to permit it, and Greenwood disavows any plans to cut it short. Democrats who may join in a spirited contest for two state senate seats from the district include Wallace Hyde, the party chairman; former State Senator I. C. Crawford, and John Reynolds, a member of the State Board of Education. Former state senator veteran Asheville political leader, is considered a possible contender for a House seat from Buncombe. The task of finding legislative know-how for the complicated budget-making chores has become more difficult because of the decision of both State Senator Lindsay Warren Jr., and Representative Hugh Johnson, leaders of the Eastern contingent, to drop out this year.

The writer of Carolina Statehouse is chief of the Raleigh bureau of the Greensboro Daily News.

## Per-Verse

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Dear President: I'd like to see  
A different kind of nominee —  
A layman with no law degree;  
A man of not much consequence  
In social life or affluence  
But full of fairly common sense;  
Whose past is not bewailable;  
Whose ethics are unsaleable —  
In short, sir, I'm available.  
But let me make this crystal clear:  
Back when you boxed the press's ear,  
I judged that you were insincere . . .

LARRY HIRSCH.



# Legislators Set Up Shop; Gurganus Named Liaison

The legislators have started coming to town, and so have some former lawmakers who weren't expected to be back for the 1971 session of the General Assembly.

As several of his colleagues from past years began setting up shop at the State House Monday for Wednesday's noon openings, former Sen. Edgar (Red) Gurganus, D-Martin, was unveiled as state government's first official legislative liaison officer.

The announcement was made by Dr. William L. Turner, director of the State Department of Ad-

ministration, who said Gurganus will be responsible for providing new services to all members of the General Assembly for the length of the session.

Like former Rep. Fred Mills, D-Anson, Gov. Bob Scott's liaison man, Gurganus lost his legislative seat in the May Democratic primary. He was defeated by former Sen. Ashley Futrell, D-Beaufort, a matchup that represented a disagreement as to whether their informal agreement to rotate the seat extended to this session.

Gurganus' appointment came as several lawmakers

arrived in Raleigh to stay. They ranged from veteran Sen. Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, D-Guilford, bringing his unannounced candidacy for governor along, to Sen. Zeb Alley, D-Haywood, a raw but not intimidated rookie from the mountains.

The usual fast start was being predicted, but this time there was evidence the session may, indeed, get off the starting blocks a bit swifter than usual.

In newly reconstructed quarters in the State House basement, bill drafting person-

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SENATOR GURGANUS  
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POSITION — Martin Sen. Edgar Gurganus' designation Tuesday as chairman of the State Correction Commission is not expected to affect his status as a legislator.

No conflict is anticipated, an aide to Gov. Bob Scott told Dome, pointing to a precedent for exempting the position from the dual office holding prohibition. The man Gurganus will succeed as chairman, former Rep. Clyde Harriss of Salisbury, was in the same category.

Harriss was appointed in July 1965, after the General Assembly adjourned, but did not step down from his legislative seat. The following year, he was defeated for reelection to the House.

Correction Commissioner Lee Bounds said members of the commission are "specifically exempted from the dual office holding curb because they are classed as 'commissioners for special purposes'."

Gurganus, a longtime member of the commission which supervises the state's prison system, served in the 1969 General Assembly session. His Senate seat is involved, however, in a rotation agreement calling for it to alternate between Martin and Beaufort counties. Beaufort's Ashley Futrell held it in the 1967 session and under the informal agreement it would swing back away from Gurganus next year.



# The Tar Heel of The Week

## Election Loser in Middle of the Action

By ROD COCKSHUTT

Staff Writer

Primary day last May 2 was not a particularly happy one at the Gurganus household in Williamston. Edgar (Red) Gurganus, a veteran of two terms in the state Senate, was beaten in his bid for a third term by Washington newspaper editor and former Sen. Ashley Futrell in a bitterly contested race.

In fact, the only bright note had been introduced early in the day by Gurganus' 8-year-old son, who told his father: "If you lose, Daddy, we'll be the winners. At least we'll get a chance to see you ever now and then."

Gurganus reflected on the irony of that remark in an interview last week as he sat in his spartan office in the bowels of the State Administration Building on Jones Street. Director of Administration William Turner had appointed him two weeks earlier as the state's first legislative liaison officer, a job which keeps him in Raleigh during the session as much as if he had won the election.

"My wife and my two boys thought that when I lost the primary, I'd have some time to spend with them," declared Gurganus, who practices law by himself in Williamston and who serves as chairman of the State Board of Correction.

"And I was consoling myself with the thought that if I couldn't be in the legislature — something I very much wanted to do — I could get reacquainted with my family, and maybe pick up my golf game, which I dropped because of lack of time before the '69 session."

### Special Services

The consolation was short-lived. Late last year, Director Turner called Gurganus and outlined for him a new job he was about to create — legislative liaison officer. The liaison officer would be responsible for providing legislators with special services involving state government departments such as arranging trips to state institutions or by providing the lawmakers with in-depth cost analyses of state programs. The job would last as long as the legislature did.

"Of course, when I was asked if I was interested, I said I was," Gurganus declared. "I've only been into it for about three weeks, but I'm enjoying myself immensely. It's the next best thing to being a member of the General Assembly. I work with the members every day, and I'm involved in nearly all the programs which they are."

Gurganus, who just turned 50, says the origin of his name is Scotch-Irish, but he looks Irish, period. He has



Edgar (Red) Gurganus

the frame of a slightly oversized leprechaun, a Pat O'Brien nose, receding sandy-red hair (which explains the nickname) and eyes alternating sadness and twinkle. He has a penchant for bow ties and he smokes cigarettes like they're going out of style.

Gurganus was a strong supporter of Scott administration programs during the 1969 session, including the controversial gas, soft drink and cigarette taxes. Gurganus believes that support, plus his two terms' experience on the Senate Appropriations Committee (1963 and 1969), both explain and prepared him for the appointment to the liaison post.

"I love the work, but it's killing me," he said with a chuckle.

"I get here in Raleigh Monday night with the legislators and I stay through the week until Friday afternoon. When I get home to Williamston Friday, I work on my law practice through Saturday. Sunday I spend with the family. Monday I'm in court until I leave for Raleigh and start the whole thing over again."

Gurganus is used to hard work. As an undergraduate and law student at Wake Forest University, he held down two jobs — one full-time as a housekeeper in a boarding house, the other part time as a golf course attendant.

"I wasn't the exception; I was the rule," he said. "Everyone had to work to get through."

After his graduation in 1942, and after passing the bar exam, Gurganus was drafted. He spent three years at Ft. Bragg as a special education instructor, teaching functionally illiterate draftees.

In 1946, he returned home to Williamston, where a neighbor, an attorney practicing for nearly 50 years, asked Gurganus to go into partnership with him. He did, and when the aging partner died, Gurganus stayed on in the single practice, which he maintains today.

### State Jaycee President

Gurganus said he really got interested in state government when he joined the Jaycees and worked his way up to state president in 1955-1956. "As president, I visited nearly every town and hamlet in this state. I got to know the people, and the workings of government at all levels," he said.

"During my year as president, the Jaycees did a special study on what was then the Prisons Department," he continued. "Shortly after my year as president was up, Gov. Luther Hodges called me and asked me to become a member of the State Prisons Commission. I've been a member ever since, and Gov. Bob Scott named me chairman in 1969."

He believes "it will take a lot of money, but a lot more than money," to make North Carolina's correctional system "a place for rehabilitation rather than a college of crime."

"I think there's a new emphasis and a new awareness about correction in this state," he said. "Different groups like the Jaycees, the legal profession and the news media are getting involved."

### 'Why Men Go Wrong'

"We've got to spend more time, effort and money finding out why men go wrong and how we can get them on the right track again," he said. "We need to put less emphasis on mere punishment. I think that's the direction we're going in North Carolina."

Gurganus says he misses the legislative floor action — the debates, the roll calls, the committee meetings and caucuses. "I love the legislature, but in this liaison job I'm just one step removed from it — I serve the legislators who serve the people."

Gurganus is a relative newly wed for a man of his age. He met the former Elizabeth Arle Bealsey of Colerain, his wife, when she came to Williamston to work in the local social service office. He was in the office one day, found out it was her birthday, and asked her to celebrate it with him since she was away from home. She did, and they were married in 1960. They have two sons, Edgar Jr., 8 years old and Ray, 3.



# Ex-Senator's New Job

## A Liaison and a Smoother of Feathers

By HARRY STAPLETON

Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

RALEIGH—Former State Sen. Edgar Gurganus sometimes finds himself in the position of being the bridge over the troubled waters that spring up between the politicians in the General Assembly and the employees in the Department of Administration.

"Not often, but there have been personality clashes between the head of a department and a General Assembly member and I try to soothe a few ruffled feathers," said the Williamston attorney.

But Gurganus' primary function is to serve the members of the General Assembly as liaison between the legislature and the state's 317 governmental departments and agencies.

"My purpose is to serve the members of the General Assembly," Gurganus said of his new office, created by the 1969 legisla-

ture and in operation for the first time during this session.

New members of the General Assembly are unfamiliar with the operations of all these agencies and even veteran lawmakers do not have the time to track down information which might be needed in a new statute or as an argument against proposed measure.

"All they have to do is call me —just call me and forget it," Gurganus said.

"I've had a very good response. I think it has been a good service to the General Assembly and to the Department of Administration."

In tracking down the information for the legislators, Gurganus has acquired a knowledge of all branches of government beyond his scope while serving as a state senator from Martin County.

"I've learned a lot about state

government," he said. "It's been an education for me."

Even from his basement office in the Department of Administration, Gurganus can keep track of the trends in the General Assembly, a short walk away, by the inquiries which come into his office.

"This time, I've had numerous inquiries on higher education, costs and so on," he said, an indication of the verbal battle being waged over restructuring the state's higher education system.

And there was the time a legislator asked Gurganus to find the two highway patrolmen with the highest number of citations issued and bring them to Raleigh.

Neither Gurganus nor the troopers knew what to expect when they confronted a dozen or more lawmakers.

"But all they wanted was information from the officers on how best to improve the state's traffic

laws," Gurganus said. "It was a good session."

After serving two terms in the Senate, Gurganus sometimes finds it "a difficult thing for me to stay out of the arguments," when legislators gather after hours. And sometimes I give them my opinion.

"But now it's my job to furnish information to the General Assembly members and they can do what they want to with it."

He finds it ironic that some of the information he provides is used in bills he doesn't particularly agree with.

"But unless there is implicit faith in the information I supply then the office will become useless."

Gurganus also provides a service to the Department of Administration, making information available to the legislators on budget requests and statutes which government agencies would like to see clarified.

"I'm trying to cement a partnership between the General Assembly and the Department of Administration," he said.

Gurganus got the call to consider the new job from Department of Administration Director W. L. Turner after the former senator was beaten in the 1969 Democratic primary by Ashley Futrell of Washington, a contest that resulted from an apparent misunderstanding over whether it was Beaufort or Martin County's turn to put up a Democratic candidate.

"Losing was made easier for me even before the election," Gurganus said, when one of his two children told him: "Daddy, if you don't win, Mama and I will be winners because you'll be home more."

"Mama" is the former Ann Beasley of Colerain, the Bertie County girl Gurganus married when he was 39.

"If I'd had the sense, I would

have married her 10 years earlier," Gurganus said.

After the primary defeat, he prepared to devote himself to his law practice and his golf game and "really enjoy myself," when the liaison position was offered.

Now he has weekends to catch up on his office work and Monday mornings to get in his courtroom sessions before returning to Raleigh.

I may have lost some business from people who needed immediate attention," he said, "but that happened when I was serving in the Senate, too."

Gurganus' contract in the liaison office runs through this session of the General Assembly.

Although the office was established as a permanent position, Gurganus said that there is movement within the legislature for the General Assembly to establish its own research staff, leaving the future of the office some doubt.

Sunday, July 4, 1971



Virginian-Pilot Photo by Harry Stapleton  
Gurganus

### Chairman



Edgar J. Gurganus, Williamston attorney, was sworn in Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock in the commission room of the North Carolina Department of Correction in Raleigh as chairman of the department which was formerly known as the State Prison Commission. Associate Justice Joseph Branch of the N. C. Supreme Court presided at the ceremony. Gurganus was appointed in 1957 as a member of the then Prison Commission by Governor Luther Hodges, reappointed by Governor Terry Sanford, Governor Dan K. Moore and appointed chairman by Governor Robert Scott. His term will expire June 30 1975. He also served in the North Carolina State Senate in 1963 and 1969 sessions and last year was named liaison officer for the state administration with the general assembly. He is a past state president of the Jaycees.

The News and Observer, Saturday, May 16, 1970

### Under The Dome

—Bowles' project draws commission skepticism

—Student pages are topic at service panel meet

**SKITTISH** — Members of the General Assembly's Legislative Research Commission reacted skeptically Friday when it was proposed that one of their legislative cohorts be allowed to sound them out on one of his pet projects.

Behind their skittishness in taking this departure from their normal procedure, or so it appeared, was a hint of suspicion that Sen. Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, D-Guilford, might be looking for a way to keep his unannounced 1972

candidacy for governor in the limelight.

Sen. Edgar (Red) Gurganus, D-Martin, told the commission at its meeting here that Bowles was in the process of writing an "environmental bill of rights" and wanted to see what the commission thought of it.

"He's not asking us to study it or make a decision. He just wants to hear our views on it," said Gurganus, who presented the proposal as

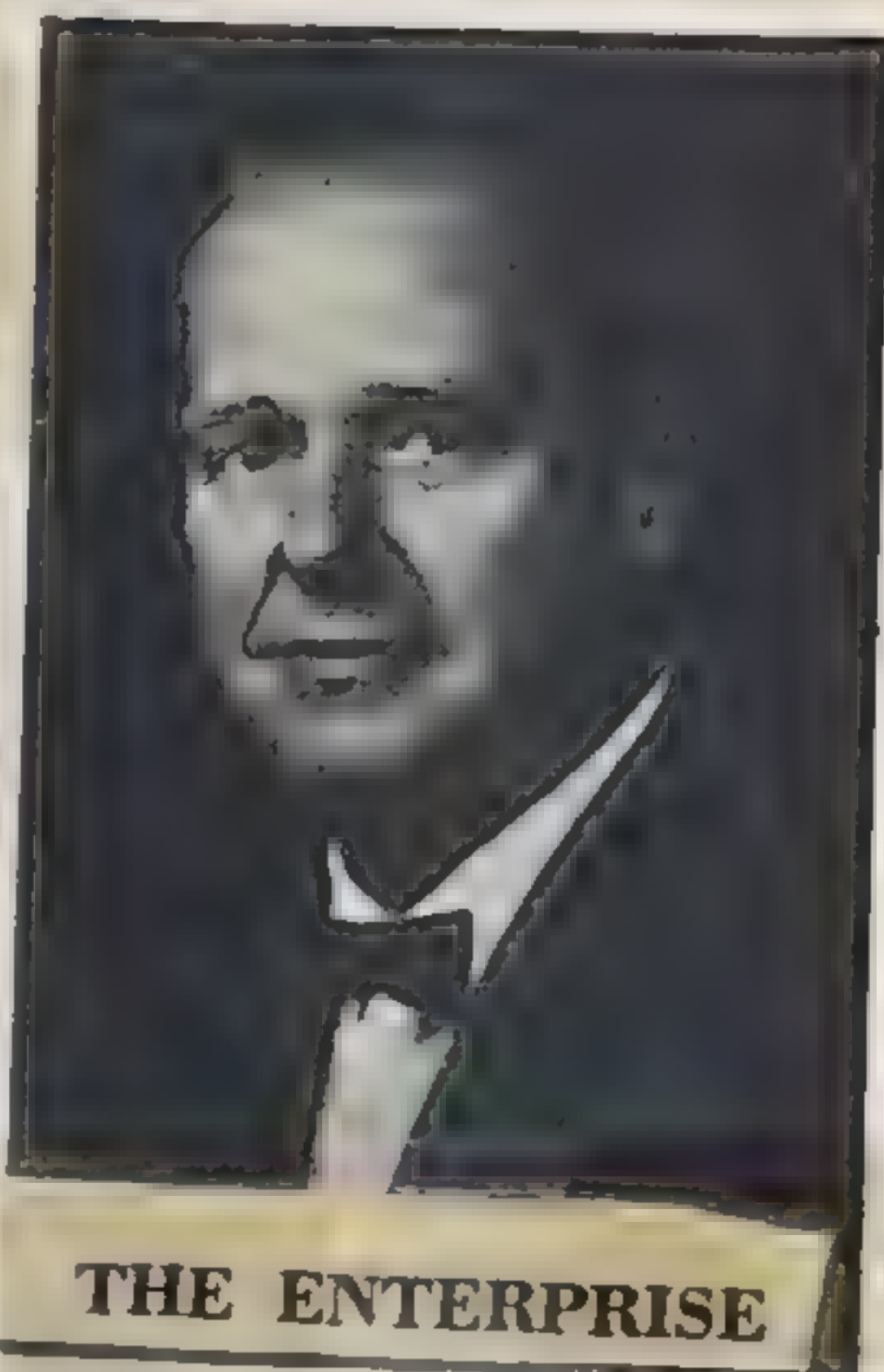
chairman of the commission's special studies subcommittee. "I'm not saying this myself," spoke up Rep. Liston Ramsey, D-Madison, "but somebody suggested to me that if we do this, any other gubernatorial candidate might want equal time." The remark drew laughter all around the table.

The matter finally was dropped with the suggestion by the commission co-chairman, Sen. Hector McGeachy, D-Cumberland, that Gurganus' subcommittee could hear Bowles if it wanted to.

Gurganus said he would be glad to, but reminded, "You're going to have to work with him (Bowles) in the next legislature, I'm not." Gurganus was defeated in the May 2 Democratic primary.



# Honored



THE ENTERPRISE

Among the honors that have come to Attorney Edgar Gurganus in recent weeks was his selection last Sunday for the "Tar Heel of the Week" in the Raleigh News and Observer. The story about the busy young Williamston man told of much of the happenings in his life but it added very little to what was known of him by the homefolks who were nevertheless glad that the rest of the state could be informed. Williamston has had, perhaps, more "Tar Heels of the Week" than any other community in the state, having one shortly after the series started some 15 years ago as the late W. C. "Bill" Manning of The Enterprise made the select list. Few have ever made it at an age as early as did Attorney Gurganus. He has received many congratulations on the achievement.

|           | Vote   | Gurganus | Midgett | Owen  |
|-----------|--------|----------|---------|-------|
| Dare      | 1700   | 1275     | 1400    | 300   |
| Swain     | 800    | 700      | 750     | 100   |
| Wash      | 2500   | 1400     | 2000    | 1600  |
| Martin    | 3200   | 2800     | 2200    | 1400  |
| Hyde      | 1300   | 1000     | 1100    | 500   |
| Beaufort  | 5600   | 4400     | 4800    | 2000  |
| Currituck | 1000   | 700      | 900     | 400   |
|           | 16,100 | 12,275   | 13,150  | 7,200 |

|           | Vote | Gurganus       | Midgett         | Owen            |
|-----------|------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dare      |      | 828            | 1986            | 608             |
| Swain     |      | 350            | 690             | 462             |
| Wash      |      | 1145           | 1231            | 1507            |
| Martin    | 3401 | 2773           | 1125            | 733             |
| Hyde      |      | 556            | 1218            | 454             |
| Beaufort  |      | 2535           | 3588            | 1748            |
| Currituck |      | 503            | 1170            | 543             |
|           |      | <del>786</del> | <del>7020</del> | <del>3447</del> |
| TOTAL     |      | 8690           | 10,928          | 6055            |

Tuesday, May 9, 1972



**FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF HIS AILING SON.**—Williamston Attorney Edgar Gurganus is pictured here in a photograph snapped by Eugene Rice as he sells some of his Enterprises. He is acting as a paper boy for his son, Ed, 9, who was ill that day. On the trip Thursday afternoon was another son, Ray, 4, who went along to keep his father on the job. Making a purchase is Branch Banker Bill Long.



Former Senator Edgar Gurganus, local attorney, has been named as the state government's first liaison officer, it was announced today by Dr. William L. Turner, director of the State Department of Administration. The Williamston man will be responsible for providing new services to all members of the General Assembly for the length of the session. He will be part of the new team which hopes to get the general assembly off and winging in a fast start.



## Coburn Honored In Court Monday

Completing 50 years of service as an attorney, solicitor and judge in the courts of Martin County, Robert L. Coburn was honored Monday morning at the opening of the District Court by the order of Judge Charles H. Manning, presiding.

Attorney Edgar Gurganus read the order and Sheriff W. Raymond Rawls declared the court "open and sitting for the disptch of its business in honor of the Honorable Robuert L. Coburn who has completed his fiftieth year of high and distinguished practice before the courts of this county."

Noting that the attorney had been engaged in the practice of law before the courts of this county during "said period with great ability and high excellence on behalf of his clients," the order states that his practice before the bar has "always been marked by a true desire for the most perfect administration of justice and for the preservation of the dignity of the courts."

The order says of Coburn as a judge and solicitor that he displayed at all times in these duties the highest sense of fairness and understanding.

A native of the county the attorney has spent all his life in it except when duties called him beyond its borders.



**HONORED FOR 50 YEARS SERVICE.**—Monday's District Court for Martin County was opened in honor of Attorney Robert L. Coburn of Williamston to commemorate his 50 years of service in the legal profession in this county during which he has served in the capacities of solicitor and judge as well as a practicing attorney. Shown here behind the bench to the right of Judge Charles H. Manning, presiding, the veteran attorney heard Edgar J. Gurganus, left, Williamston attorney, read the order of the court directing that the opening be in his honor and Sheriff W. Raymond Rawls (right) officially open the court. Photo courtesy of the Williamston Police Department.

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# The Letter Box



To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Martin County for their support and aid in the effort being made to preserve the county as an entire unit within the State House of Representatives

Redistricting Plan.

As you already know, plans are now being considered by the General Assembly would split Martin County. A public hearing on the plan last Thursday was well attended by Martin County residents and I, on behalf of the entire county board of commissioners, would like to thank each of the 35 persons who took time to attend the hearing and show their concern.

A special thanks goes to Edgar Gurganus, who so masterfully summed up the feelings of the county leadership on the matter. I only wish that every citizen of the county could have heard the speech made by Edgar to the legislators and felt the pride in the county that those from the area that were present did at that time.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts being made throughout the county on behalf of this cause and hope that all the county's citizens will continue to support efforts to keep the county as a strong and united unit in the future.

Sincerely,  
John L. House,  
Chairman, Martin County  
Board of Commissioners

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**ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT.**—Mr. and Mrs. John Hatton Gurganus of Williamston announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances Lamar Gurganus to Gary Melson Burden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden of Windsor. The bride-elect will graduate in December from Meredith College with a degree in Home Economics. Her fiance graduated in May, 1973, from North Carolina State University with a degree in Civil Engineering and is presently employed by the Federal Highway Administration Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Burden is the grandson of Mrs. Laura Melson, Williamston. The wedding is planned for December 29 at the First United Methodist Church, Williamston.

The News and Observer, Sunday, January 17, 1971

## Golden Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. J. Cecil Beasley of Colerain were honored recently at a luncheon on their 50th wedding anniversary. Hosts for the party were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll W. Beasley, Miss Camille Beasley, Louis Beasley, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Gurganus and their sons, Ed and Ray, of Williamston.





**JAYCEE OF YEAR AWARD GOES TO WHITE.**—J. C. White, Jr., is pictured, third from right, as he receives the Jaycee of the Year award at the annual ladies and installation night banquet in Roanoke Country Club Friday evening from Robert Godard, master of ceremonies and himself a past recipient of the honor. On the extreme left is Secretary of State Thad Eure of Raleigh who spoke to the group, Edgar Gurganus, past state president of the Jaycees, Sherman Stalls, retiring president, second from right and on the extreme right, Gus Tulloss of Rocky Mount, candidate for state president, who installed the officers, including White as the new president.

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**HAPPY TO BE COMING TO JAMESVILLE AND MARTIN COUNTY.**—President Robert G. Laidlaw of Coats and Clark, Incorporated, it is a jovial mood as he announces that his company is happy to announce their decision to build in the Jamesville community of Martin County and become neighbors to the good people there. He is flanked on the right by Vice President W. E. (Will) Waller of Coats and Clark and on the left by the company's Martin County Attorney J. Edgar Gurganus of Williamston. Photo by Eugene Rice.

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## Candidate



State Senator, Edgar J. "Red" Gurganus, of Williamston, North Carolina, announced today that he would seek re-election to the North Carolina State Senate for his second successive term, subject to the Democratic primary in May. Senator Gurganus served in the former Second Senatorial District in 1963 and served the present district, composed of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Martin, and Tyrrell counties, in the 1969 session.

During the 1969 session, he served as chairman of the Committee of Public Welfare, vice chairman of the Sub-Committee on Appropriations, and vice chairman of Judiciary I Committee. He also served on committees on Roads, Courts and Judicial Districts, Constitution, Correctional Institutions, and Law Enforcement.

Since adjournment last July, he has been serving by appointment to the Legislative Research Commission and the Teachers and State Employees Benefits Study Commission.

Recently, Governor Scott named him chairman of the Commission of Correction, the policy making body for the North Carolina Department of Correction.

In making his announcement, Senator Gurganus stated that the opportunity to serve on these commissions keeps him abreast of the many challenges facing his district and the state, and that the experience gained through this continuing exposure would enable him to better serve the people of his district and state.

Senator Gurganus is a prominent Williamston attorney and is an active Methodist layman. He is married to the former Anne Beasley of Colerain and is the father of two sons.

## Gurganus To Fight 'All Night'

By Virginian-Pilot Raleigh Correspondent

RALEIGH—Sen. Edgar Gurganus of Martin County Tuesday vowed to work "all night long" in an attempt to muster a change in his \$100-million school bond legislation on the eve of its final enactment.

The House plunged toward final passage of the measure Tuesday, accepting the Senate version of the bill including a controversial amendment which Gurganus charges "defeats the purpose of the bill." The House gave tentative approval by a 94-10 vote, clearing the way for enactment today.

The amendment, inserted by the Senate, would allow counties to apply their portion of bond issue receipts to bonded indebtedness already incurred, rather than limiting use of the funds to new school construction.

Gurganus has consistently stood against any diversion of the bond receipts from what he claims is the sole purpose of the bill—the encouragement of new school construction.

### WALKED FLOOR

Tuesday Gurganus paced the outside aisles of the House during the school bond debate, following an early recess of the Senate. But attempts to delete the Senate amendment from the bill were shouted down by voice vote.

Gurganus said he had conferred with Secretary of State Thad Eure and had assurances a renewal of the deletion attempt today would be permissible, under House rules. But Gurganus and his co-sponsor, Sen. David Clark of Lincoln, appeared to have lost support of the House nucleus behind the bond issue, when Rep. Odell Williamson of Brunswick said he had had enough of attempting to delete the Senate amendment.

Williamson said the best course now would be to allow the bill to pass into law, unhampered by further disagreement.



## County Officials Urge Redistricting On County Lines

"The counties are the real and main strength of the state," Edgar Gurganus, representing a large contingent from Martin County told a joint committee on redistricting Thursday "and no plan to split county lines should be adopted for any level of representation."

The Williamston attorney, who is a former member of the North Carolina General Assembly, drew a thunderous applause from the large group of people present at the public hearing held in the Legislative Building in Raleigh. Speaking on behalf of the Martin County delegation, he urged the committee to look at the previous plan that had been submitted that kept counties intact, and urged that they adopt such a plan, holding to county lines. "Courts have not rendered an opinion that county lines must be crossed," he told the group.

Gurganus also offered a look at what the fate of the proposed plan would be if it is adopted by the Legislature, an opinion that was shared by a number of speakers from the Northeastern section of the state, which was the object of much county carving in the House of Representatives Plan. "If you adopt any of these previous redistricting plans (which don't split county lines) you will probably end up in court," Gurganus stated. "However, if you do split county lines, you will also be going to court."

The Williamston resident also disputed some of the opinions offered at the opening of the hearing by Jerris Leonard, attorney for the N. C. Legislature and a former employee of the Justice Department. Leonard implied to the committee that numerous decisions affecting other states indicated that the crossing of county lines would be necessary to formulate a plan that would be approved by the Justice Department. Gurganus, one of a half dozen attorneys to offer similar comments in the hearing, pointed out that no court had ruled this but it was based on the opinion of a former Justice Department employee and one present employee. He urged the committee to develop the best possible plan but to keep counties intact and submit it.

"Put us with Wake County or any other county but Martin County wants to remain intact," he told the group.

### The Wheel Grinding



Chief Wailing Wall and technical advisor—that's often the true occupation of the chief clerk of a detachment. And the Chief Clerk of the Separation Center Detachment more than earns any MOS which might go with those titles.

As is often the case when the eyes of a nation are riveted on a particular activity, the wheels that grind away behind the scenes are almost overlooked. Separation Center personnel at Fort Bragg, however—all of the present 1029 men—can always find an outlet for their own separation woes in their Detachment orderly room.

There, one of the most sympathetic ears they can latch onto is that of S-Sgt. Edgar J. Gurganus, known to anyone with better than 20-600 vision as "Red." Inducted from Williamston, N. C. three years ago, he's more than merely willing to help—he's entirely capable since all of his army time has been spent within a mile area of the Separation Center, and he knows every nook and cranny. Also, a graduate law student, he is happily utilizing time spent in listening to GI complainants by practicing the proper barside manner.

Chief questions asked throughout each day of each month are, "When do I get my furlough?", "Why wasn't I on the payroll?", and "When is the next discharge list coming out?" The apex of "Red's" career to date, however, was the moment when the Chaplain came to ask about a discharge. As an infantryman has been heard to say—he's had it!



**SPEAKS AGAINST SPLITTING COUNTY.**—Edgar Gurganus, Williamston attorney, spoke on behalf of a large delegation from Martin County Thursday during a public hearing on redistricting held in Raleigh. Gurganus urged the House Committee to keep the counties in the state intact. Gurganus stressed that the counties are the strength of the state and should not be divided. Speaking specifically for Martin County, the attorney told the group to match the county with any other one in the state if necessary but keep it intact. Co-chairman of the House Redistricting Committee Dan Lilley of Lenoir County, a Martin County native, is shown in the background.

### Winners In Race For State Senate

Edgar J. Gurganus, Williamston attorney, and P. D. Midgett, Jr., manager of the Pamlico Power and Light Company, of Engelhard, walked away with the nominations on the Democratic ticket last Saturday for the two State Senate seats allotted this, the second district. Edward L. Owens, Plymouth attorney, carried two of the seven counties in the district and was third, trailing Gurganus by slightly more than 2,600 votes.

The vote follows, by counties:

|            | Gurga's | Owens | Midg't |
|------------|---------|-------|--------|
| Beaufort   | 2,535   | 1,748 | 3,588  |
| Hyde       | 556     | 454   | 1,218  |
| Martin     | 2,773   | 733   | 1,125  |
| Washington | 1,145   | 1,507 | 1,231  |
| Tyrrell    | 350     | 462   | 690    |
| Dare       | 828     | 608   | 1,906  |
| Pamlico    | 503     | 543   | 1,170  |
| Totals     | 8,690   | 6,055 | 10,928 |



# Clarence W. Beasley

This tribute was written by Ruth F. (Mrs. W. E.) White,  
Postmaster at Colerain

Clarence W. Beasley, who died August 10th, was one of Colerain's most beloved citizens. He walked intimately with the people of Colerain in their social, civic, business and religious life. His shoulders shared their burdens, his words of cheer inspired them, his hands were outstretched to help all those in need, and his keen mind was used to promote the best for his community.

While mayor of Colerain he used not only his great ability but his resources; his cars, trucks, employees, and all he had when needed for the town. During his administration the cement sidewalks were built, the community cemetery was purchased, the water and sewage system installed, and the community house erected. These stand as memorials to his great leadership.

Clarence was a veteran of the first World War, and rendered a great service in the last World War as a member of the Bertie County Rationing Board.

Found in his wallet with pictures of his wife and son were pictures of two English children whom he adopted during World War II. They remained in England and he continued to support them until they were old enough and able to secure work to take care of themselves.

In his business he dealt directly with hundreds of families. They knew they had a kind and faithful friend to deal with. His honesty and integrity were never questioned. The desire of his heart was to serve them.

Clarence loved his church. His help and generosity will be greatly missed.

I could not close this tribute without saying the place he loved best was his home. To him it was a place where he could enjoy his family and friends. Ministers of the Gospel and distinguished guests were often entertained but his friends in every walk of life knew they were enjoyed and welcomed there.

Truly such an unselfish life was a successful one, yet his modesty would never let him feel or admit it. He was never known to boast of having done this or that, but humbly and quietly walked among us with his heart and hands ever ready to help.

May the memory of his life warm our hearts and challenge us to higher and nobler living.

## ANNIE M. FOREHAND

COLERAIN — Mrs. Annie Mae Morris Forehand, 82, died Wednesday. Funeral 11 a.m. today, Colerain Baptist Church. Burial, Hillcrest Cemetery.

Surviving: daughter, Mrs. Al Baker of Colerain; sister, Mrs. Mable Beasley of Colerain; brother, Thomas J. Morris of Greenville; two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Colerain Baptist Church Memorial Fund or to Colerain Rescue Squad.

Family at the home of Mrs. Al Baker, Lacy Hill Road, Colerain.

Arrangements by Garrett Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

# Obituaries

## MABEL M. BEASLEY

COLERAIN — Mabel Claire Morris Beasley, 87, died Thursday. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Colerain Baptist Church with the Rev. Shelby Stephens officiating; burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Retired from the Bertie County Department of Social Services, Beasley was born in Bertie County. She was married to the late John Cecil "Pete" Beasley.

Beasley is survived by a daughter, Ann Gurganus of Williamston; a son, Nick Beasley of Colerain; a brother, Thomas J. Morris of Greenville; four grandchildren and four great-

grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Colerain Baptist Church or to the Winston Park Rest Home, Windsor.

## MRS. MATTIE B. MORRIS

COLERAIN—Mrs. Mattie Baker Morris, 73, died Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Beasley of Colerain, after an illness of two months. She was wife of the late Charles B. Morris and daughter of William E. and Amanda Perry Baker. Surviving are three sons, Edward of Brooklyn, N. Y., Thomas of Greenville and Charles of Norfolk, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Beasley and Mrs. Taswell Forehand of Colerain; two sisters, Miss Amanda Hutchison of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Annie Mae Baker of Raleigh; five grandchildren and one great-grand-

child. Funeral services will be held at the Colerain Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. P. T. Worrell, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Edgewood Cemetery, Colerain.

## Mrs. Annie Baker Rites Saturday

COLERAIN — Miss Annie Mae Baker, 86, died Thursday morning in Pittman's Nursing Home, Fayetteville.

A native of Bertie County, she was a daughter of William E. and Mrs. Amanda Perry Baker and a member of Colerain Baptist Church.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery by the

## FRANK G. TALLANT

COLERAIN — LTC. Frank G. Tallant, U.S. Army retired, 58, died Saturday.

Surviving: mother, Mrs. Azzie H. Tallant; wife, Mrs. Elfriede M. Tallant; daughter, Ms. Jennifer Gilliam of Charleston, S.C.; sons, Thomas Tallant of Knoxville, Tenn., Alexander Tallant of Boone; one granddaughter.

Family at the home of Mrs. Tallant, River Road, Colerain, 7-9 p.m. today.

Arrangements by Garrett Funeral Home.

## John C. Beasley

COLERAIN, N.C. — John "Pete" C. Beasley, 91, a retired farmer, died April 1, 1988, in his home.

Mr. Beasley, a native of Bertie County, was a member of Colerain Baptist Church. He was an Army veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife, Mabel Morris Beasley; a daughter, Ann Gurganus of Williamston, N.C.; a son, Nick Beasley of Colerain; a sister, Mrs. Merle Montague Sr. of Windsor, N.C.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hillcrest Cemetery by the Rev. Shelby Stephens. Garrett Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Colerain Rescue Squad or the Colerain Baptist Church.



Merry Christmas from each of us  
Each sends his very best  
Remembering ones so dear to us-who  
Rate "A" on every test  
Yuletide Greetings!

Christmas is a happy time  
Homes are full of gladness  
Rather thankful for what we have for  
Instead of seeking sadness  
So smile on this Christmas morn  
Thank God for all our pleasures  
Make the most of all we have  
And we possess life's treasures.  
Seasons Greetings

Bonner Jean got a doll baby  
Old Gary got a truck  
Nancy received all she wanted  
Nickie shared in the luck  
Even Elsie, Eli, Edgar and Faye  
Received enough to complete their day.

Dear Ones - try to be happy  
And help us share this day  
Very best wishes to you both  
In each and every way  
Doggone it - Merry Christmas!

Mama, Edgar, Eli, Duxsie,  
Faye & Ray, Mildred &  
Philip, George Hatton &  
Mildred, Elsie & Finley,  
John Hatton & Catherine  
Elizabeth & Steve